(54) Title: RECOMBINANT MEGALOMICIN BIOSYNTHETIC GENES AND USES THEREOF

(57) Abstract: Recombinant nucleic acid, e.g DNA compounds that encode all or a portion of the megalomicin polyketide synthase and modification enzymes are used to express recombinant polyketide synthase genes in host cells for the production of megalomicin, megalomicin derivatives, and other polyketides that are useful as antibiotics, motilides, and antiparasitics.

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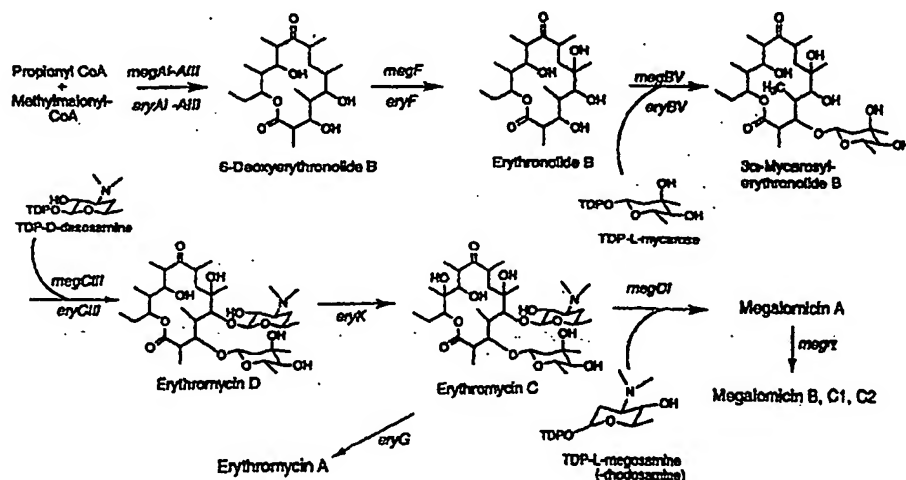
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reference in its entirety.

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Field of the Invention

The present invention provides recombinant methods and materials for

producing polyketides by recombinant DNA technology. The invention relates to

15   the fields of agriculture, animal husbandry, chemistry, medicinal chemistry,

medicine, molecular biology, pharmacology, and veterinary technology.

Background of the Invention

Polyketides represent a large family of diverse compounds synthesized

20   from 2-carbon units through a series of condensations and subsequent

modifications. Polyketides occur in many types of organisms, including fungi and

mycelial bacteria, in particular, the actinomycetes. There are a wide variety of

polyketide structures, and the class of polyketides encompasses numerous

compounds with diverse activities. Erythromycin, FK-506, FK-520, megalomicin,

25   narbomycin, oleandomycin, picromycin, rapamycin, spinocyn, and tylosin are

examples of such compounds. Given the difficulty in producing polyketide

compounds by traditional chemical methodology, and the typically low production

of polyketides in wild-type cells, there has been considerable interest in finding

improved or alternate means to produce polyketide compounds. See PCT

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Polyketides are synthesized in nature by polyketide synthase (PKS) enzymes. These enzymes, which are complexes of multiple large proteins, are

5   similar to the synthases that catalyze condensation of 2-carbon units in the biosynthesis of fatty acids. PKS enzymes are encoded by PKS genes that usually consist of three or more open reading frames (ORFs). Two major types of PKS enzymes are known; these differ in their composition and mode of synthesis. These two major types of PKS enzymes are commonly referred to as Type I or

10   "modular" and Type II "iterative" PKS enzymes.

Modular PKSs are responsible for producing a large number of 12-, 14-, and 16-membered macrolide antibiotics including erythromycin, megalomicin, methymycin, narbomycin, oleandomycin, picromycin, and tylosin. Each ORF of a modular PKS can comprise one, two, or more "modules" of ketosynthase activity,

15   each module of which consists of at least two (if a loading module) and more typically three (for the simplest extender module) or more enzymatic activities or "domains." These large multifunctional enzymes (>300,000 kDa) catalyze the biosynthesis of polyketide macrolactones through multistep pathways involving decarboxylative condensations between acyl thioesters followed by cycles of

20   varying ß-carbon processing activities (see O'Hagan, D. *The polyketide metabolites*; E. Horwood: New York, 1991, incorporated herein by reference).

During the past half decade, the study of modular PKS function and specificity has been greatly facilitated by the plasmid-based *Streptomyces coelicolor* expression system developed with the 6-deoxyerythronolide B (6-dEB)

25   synthase (DEBS) genes (see Kao *et al.*, 1994, *Science, 265*: 509-512, McDaniel *et al.*, 1993, *Science 262*: 1546-1557, and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,672,491 and 5,712,146, each of which is incorporated herein by reference). The advantages to this plasmid-based genetic system for DEBS are that it overcomes the tedious and limited techniques for manipulating the natural DEBS host organism,

30   *Saccharopolyspora erythraea*, allows more facile construction of recombinant PKSs, and reduces the complexity of PKS analysis by providing a "clean" host background. This system also expedited construction of the first combinatorial

modular polyketide library in *Streptomyces* (see PCT publication No. WO 98/49315, incorporated herein by reference).

The ability to control aspects of polyketide biosynthesis, such as monomer selection and degree of ß-carbon processing, by genetic manipulation of PKSs has

5   stimulated great interest in the combinatorial engineering of novel antibiotics (see Hutchinson, 1998, *Curr. Opin. Microbiol. 1*: 319-329; Carreras and Santi, 1998, *Curr. Opin. Biotech. 9*: 403-411; and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,712,146 and 5,672,491, each of which is incorporated herein by reference). This interest has resulted in the cloning, analysis, and manipulation by recombinant DNA technology of genes that

10   encode PKS enzymes. The resulting technology allows one to manipulate a known PKS gene cluster either to produce the polyketide synthesized by that PKS at higher levels than occur in nature or in hosts that otherwise do not produce the polyketide. The technology also allows one to produce molecules that are structurally related to, but distinct from, the polyketides produced from known

15   PKS gene clusters.

Megalomicin is a macrolide antibiotic produced by *Micromonospora megalomicea*, a member of the Actinomycetales family of soil bacteria that produces many types of biologically active compounds. Megalomicin is a glycoside of erythromycin A, a widely used antibacterial drug with little or no

20   antimalarial activity. Megalomicin has antibacterial properties similar to those of erythromycin, and in 1998, it was discovered also to have potent antiparasitic activity and low toxicity. The antiparasitic activity may be related to the effect megalomicin has on protein trafficking in eukaryotes, where it appears to inhibit vesicular transport between the medial and trans-Golgi, resulting in under-

25   sialylation of proteins. Hence, megalomicin offers an exciting opportunity to develop a new class of antiparasitic drugs with a different mechanism of action than the drugs currently in use and, therefore, possibly active against drug-resistant forms of *Plasmodium falciparum*.

The number and diversity of megalomicin derivatives have been limited

30   due to the inability to manipulate the PKS genes, which have not previously been available in recombinant form. Genetic systems that allow rapid engineering of the megalomicin biosynthetic genes would be valuable for creating novel compounds for pharmaceutical, agricultural, and veterinary applications. The production of

such compounds could be more readily accomplished if the heterologous
expression of the megalomicin biosynthetic genes in *Streptomyces coelicolor* and
S. lividans and other host cells were possible. The present invention meets these
and other needs.

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Summary of the Invention

The present invention provides recombinant methods and materials for
expressing PKS enzymes and polyketide modification enzymes derived in whole
and in part from the megalomicin biosynthetic genes in recombinant host cells.

10   The invention also provides the polyketides produced by such PKS enzymes. The
invention provides in recombinant form all of the genes for the proteins that
constitute the complete PKS that ultimately results, in *Micromonospora
megalomicea*, in the production of megalomicin. Thus, in one embodiment, the
invention is directed to recombinant materials comprising nucleic acids with

15   nucleotide sequences encoding at least one domain, module, or protein encoded by
a megalomicin PKS gene. In one preferred embodiment of the invention, the DNA
compounds of the invention comprise a coding sequence for at least one and
preferably two or more of the domains of the loading module and extender
modules 1 through 6, inclusive, of the megalomicin PKS.

20   In one embodiment, the invention provides a recombinant expression
vector that comprises a heterologous promoter positioned to drive expression of
one or more of the megalomicin biosynthetic genes. In a preferred embodiment,
the promoter is derived from another PKS gene. In a related embodiment, the
invention provides recombinant host cells comprising one or more expression

25   vectors that produce(s) megalomicin or a megalomicin derivative or precursor. In
a preferred embodiment, the host cell is *Streptomyces lividans* or *S. coelicolor*.

In another embodiment, the invention provides a recombinant expression
vector that comprises a promoter positioned to drive expression of a hybrid PKS
comprising all or part of the megalomicin PKS and at least a part of a second PKS.

30   In a related embodiment, the invention provides recombinant host cells
comprising the vector that produces the hybrid PKS and its corresponding
polyketide. In a preferred embodiment, the host cell is *Streptomyces lividans* or *S.
coelicolor*.

In a related embodiment, the invention provides recombinant materials for the production of libraries of polyketides wherein the polyketide members of the library are synthesized by hybrid PKS enzymes of the invention. The resulting polyketides can be further modified to convert them to other useful compounds,

5   such as antibiotics, motilides, and antiparasitics, typically through hydroxylation and/or glycosylation. Modified macrolides provided by the invention that are useful intermediates in the preparation of antiparasitics are of particular benefit.

In another related embodiment, the invention provides a method to prepare a nucleic acid that encodes a modified PKS, which method comprises using the

10   megalomicin PKS encoding sequence as a scaffold and modifying the portions of the nucleotide sequence that encode enzymatic activities, either by mutagenesis, inactivation, deletion, insertion, or replacement. The thus modified megalomicin PKS encoding nucleotide sequence can then be expressed in a suitable host cell   at and the cell employed to produce a polyketide different from that produced by the

15   megalomicin PKS. In addition, portions of the megalomicin PKS coding sequence can be inserted into other PKS coding sequences to modify the products thereof.

In another related embodiment, the invention is directed to a multiplicity of cell colonies, constituting a library of colonies, wherein each colony of the library contains an expression vector for the production of a modular PKS derived in

20   whole or in part from the megalomicin PKS. Thus, at least a portion of the modular PKS is identical to that found in the PKS that produces megalomicin and is identifiable as such. The derived portion can be prepared synthetically or directly from DNA derived from organisms that produce megalomicin. In addition, the invention provides methods to screen the resulting polyketide and

25   antibiotic libraries.

The invention also provides novel polyketides, motilides, antibiotics, antiparasitics and other useful compounds derived therefrom. The compounds of the invention can also be used in the manufacture of another compound. In a preferred embodiment, the compounds of the invention are formulated in a

30   mixture or solution for administration to an animal or human.

In a specific embodiment, the invention provides an isolated nucleic acid fragment comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a domain of megalomicin polyketide synthase (PKS) or a megalomicin modification enzyme. The isolated

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nucleic acid fragment can be a DNA or a RNA. Preferably, the isolated nucleic acid fragment is a recombinant DNA compound.

The isolated nucleic acid fragment can comprise a single, multiple or all the open reading frame(s) (ORF) of the megalomicin PKS or a megalomicin

5   modification enzyme. Exemplary ORFs of megalomicin PKS include the ORFs of the *megAI*, *megAII* and *megAIII* genes. The isolated nucleic acid fragment can also encode a single, multiple, or all of the domains of the megalomicin PKS. Exemplary domains of the megalomicin PKS include a TE domain, a KS domain, an AT domain, an ACP domain, a KR domain, a DH domain and an ER domain.

10 In a preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid fragment encodes a module of the megalomicin PKS. In another preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid fragment encodes the loading module, a thioesterase domain, and all six extender modules of the megalomicin PKS.

Megalomicin modification enzymes include those enzymes involved in the

15 conversion of 6-dEB into a megalomicin such as the enzymes encoded by the *megF*, *meg BV*, *megCIII*, *megK*, *megDI* and *megG* (renamed *megY*) genes. Megalomicin modification enzymes also include those enzymes involved in the biosynthesis of mycarose, megosamine or desosamine, which are used as biosynthetic intermediates in the biosynthesis of various megalomicin species and

20 other related polyketides. The enzymes that are involved in biosynthesis of mycarose, megosamine or desosamine are described in Figures 5 and 10.

In a preferred embodiment, the invention provides an isolated nucleic acid fragment which hybridizes to a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence set forth in the SEQ. ID NO:1, under low, medium or high stringency. More preferably, the

25 nucleic acid fragment comprises, consists or consists essentially of a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence set forth in the SEQ. ID NO:1.

In another specific embodiment, the invention provides a substantially purified polypeptide, which is encoded by a nucleic acid fragment comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a domain of megalomicin polyketide synthase

30 (PKS) or a megalomicin modification enzyme. The polypeptide can comprise a single domain, multiple domains or a full-length megalomicin PKS or megalomicin modification enzyme. Functional fragments, analogs or derivatives of the megalomicin PKS or megalomicin modification enzyme polypeptides are

also provided. Preferably, such fragments, analogs or derivatives can be recognized by an antibody raised against a megalomicin PKS or megalomicin modification enzyme. Also preferably, such fragments, analogs or derivatives comprise an amino acid sequence that has at least 60% identity, more preferably at

5   least 90% identity, to their wild type counterparts.

In still another specific embodiment, the invention provides an antibody, or a fragment or derivative thereof, which immuno-specifically binds to a domain of megalomicin polyketide synthase (PKS) or a megalomicin modification enzyme. The antibody can be a monoclonal or polyclonal antibody or an antibody fragment.

10   Preferably, the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

In yet another specific embodiment, the invention provides a recombinant DNA expression vector comprising the recombinant DNA compound encoding at least a domain of the megalomicin PKS or a megalomicin modification enzyme, wherein said domain is operably linked to a promoter. Preferably, the

15   recombinant DNA expression vector further comprises an origin of replication or a segment of DNA that enables chromosomal integration.

In yet another specific embodiment, the invention provides a recombinant host cell comprising the above-described recombinant DNA expression vector encoding at least a domain of megalomicin PKS or the megalomicin modification

20   enzyme. The recombinant host cells can be any suitable host cells including animal, mammalian, plant, fungal, yeast, and bacterial cells. Preferably, the recombinant host cells are *Streptomyces* cells, such as *Streptomyces lividans* and *S. coelicolor* cells, or *ccharopolyspora* cells, such as *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* cells. Also preferably, the recombinant host cells do not produce megalomicin in

25   their untransformed, non-recombinant state.

When the recombinant host cell contains nucleic acid encoding more than one megalomicin PKS or megalomicin modification enzyme, or domains thereof, such nucleic acid material can be located at a single genetic locus, *e.g.*, on a single plasmid or at a single chromosomal locus, or at different genetic loci, *e.g.*, on

30   separate plasmids and/or chromosomal loci. In one example, the invention provides a recombinant host cell, which comprises at least two separate autonomously replicating recombinant DNA expression vectors, and each of said vectors comprises a recombinant DNA compound encoding a megalomicin PKS

domain or a megalomicin modification enzyme operably linked to a promoter. In another example, the invention provides a recombinant host cell, which comprises at least one autonomously replicating recombinant DNA expression vector and at least one modified chromosome, each of said vector(s) and each of said modified

5   chromosome comprises a recombinant DNA compound encoding a megalomicin PKS domain or a megalomicin modification enzyme operably linked to a promoter. Preferably, the autonomously replicating recombinant DNA expression vector and/or the modified chromosome further comprises distinct selectable markers.

10   In a preferred embodiment, the cell comprises three different vectors, one of which is integrated into the chromosome and two of which are autonomously replicating, and each of the vectors comprises a *meg* PKS gene. Optionally, one or more of the *meg* PKS genes contains one or more domain alterations, such as a deletion or substitution of a meg PKS domain with a domain from another PKS.

15   In yet another specific embodiment, the invention provides a hybrid PKS, which is produced from a recombinant gene that comprises at least a portion of a megalomicin PKS gene and at least a portion of a second PKS gene for a polyketide other than megalomicin. For example, and without limitation, the second PKS gene can be a narbonolide PKS gene, an oleandolide PKS gene, or a

20   rapamycin PKS gene. In one embodiment, the hybrid PKS is composed of a loading module and six extender modules, wherein at least one domain of any one of extender modules 1 through 6, inclusive, is a domain of an extender module of megalomicin PKS. In another preferred embodiment, the hybrid PKS comprises a megalomicin PKS that has a non-functional KS domain in module 1.

25   In yet another specific embodiment, the invention provides a method of producing a polyketide, which method comprises growing the recombinant host cell comprising a recombinant DNA expression vector encoding at least a domain of the megalomicin PKS or a megalomicin modification enzyme under conditions whereby the megalomicin PKS domain or the megalomicin modification enzyme

30   comprised by the recombinant expression vector is produced and the polyketide is synthesized by the cell, and recovering the synthesized polyketide. Preferably, the recombinant host cell comprises a recombinant expression vector that encodes at least a portion of a *megAI*, *megAII*, or *megAIII* gene.

These and other embodiments of the invention are described in more detail in the following description, the examples, and claims set forth below.

Brief Description of the Figures

5   Figure 1 shows restriction site and function maps of the insert DNA in cosmids pKOS079-138B, pKOS079-93D, pKOS079-93A, and pKOS079-124B of the invention. Various restriction sites (*Xho*I, *Bgl*II, *Nsi*I) are also shown. The location of the megalomicin biosynthetic genes is shown below the solid lines indicating the cosmid inserts. The genes are shown as arrows pointing in the

10   direction of transcription. The approximate·size (in kilobase (kb) pairs) of the gene cluster is indicated in 5000 bp (i.e., 5K, 10K, and the like.) increments on a solid bar beneath the arrows indicating the genes.

Figure 2 shows a more detailed map of the megalomicin biosynthetic gene cluster. The various open reading frames are shown as arrows pointing in the

15   direction of transcription. A line indicates the size in base pairs (in 1000 bp increments) of the gene cluster. The various domains of the megalomicin PKS are also shown. Other genes of the megalomicin biosynthetic gene cluster not shown in this Figure are located in the insert DNA of cosmids pKOS0138B and pKOS0124B.

20   Figure 3 shows the structures of the megalomicins, azithromycin and erythromycin A.

Figure 4 shows the modules and domains of DEBS and the megalomicin PKS.

Figure 5 shows the compounds and reactions in the erythromycin

25   biosynthetic pathway and also for megalomicin biosynthesis. Genes that produce the various enzymes that catalyze each of the steps in the biosynthetic pathway are indicated.

Figure 6 shows the biosynthetic pathway for the formation of desosamine, rhodosamine, and mycarose, as well as the genes that produce the various enzymes

30   that catalyze each of the steps in the biosynthetic pathway.

Figure 7 depicts nucleotide and amino acid sequence of *Micromonospora megalomicea* megalomicin biosynthetic genes (GenBank Accession No. AF263245, incorporated herein by reference).

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Figure 8 depicts the biosynthesis of the erythromycins and megalomicins and the enzymes that mediate the biosynthesis of each.

Figure 9 depicts the cloned megalomicin biosynthetic gene cluster and certain cosmids of the invention that comprise portions of the cluster.

5   Figure 10 depicts the biosynthesis of megosamine, mycarose, and desosamine.

Detailed Description of the Invention

The present invention provides useful compounds and methods for

10   producing polyketides in recombinant host cells. As used herein, the term recombinant refers to a compound or composition produced by human intervention. The invention provides recombinant DNA compounds encoding all or a portion of the megalomicin biosynthetic genes. The invention provides recombinant expression vectors useful in producing the megalomicin PKS and

15   hybrid PKSs composed of a portion of the megalomicin PKS in recombinant host cells. The invention also provides the polyketides produced by the recombinant PKS and polyketide modification enzymes.

To appreciate the many and diverse benefits and applications of the invention, the description of the invention below is organized as follows. In

20   Section I, common definitions used throughout this application are provided. In Section II, structural and functional characteristics of megalomicin are described. In Section III, the recombinant megalomicin biosynthetic genes and other recombinant nucleic acids provided by the invention are described. In Section IV, polypeptides and proteins encoded by the megalomicin biosynthetic genes and

25   antibodies that specifically bind to such polypeptides and proteins provided by the invention are described. In Section V, methods for heterologous expression of the megalomicin biosynthetic genes provided by the invention are described. In Section VI, the hybrid PKS genes provided by the invention are described. In Section VII, host cells containing multiple megalomicin biosynthetic genes and

30   nucleic acid fragments on separate express vectors provided by the invention are described. In Section VIII, the polyketide compounds provided by the invention and pharmaceutical compositions of those compounds are described. The detailed description is followed by working examples illustrating the invention.

Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as is commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs. All patents, applications, published applications and other publications and sequences from GenBank and other data

5   bases referred to herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Section I. Definitions

As used herein, domain refers to a portion of a molecule, *e.g.*, proteins or nucleic acids, that is structurally and/or functionally distinct from another portion

·10   of the molecule.

As used herein, antibody includes antibody fragments, such as Fab fragments, which are composed of a light chain and the variable region of a heavy chain.

As used herein, biological activity refers to the *in vivo* activities of a

15   compound or physiological responses that result upon *in vivo* administration of a compound, composition or other mixture. Biological activity, thus, encompasses therapeutic effects and pharmaceutical activity of such compounds, compositions and mixtures. Biological activities may be observed in in vitro systems designed to test or use such activities.

20   As used herein, a combination refers to any association between two or among more items.

As used herein, a composition refers to any mixture. It may be a solution, a suspension, liquid, powder, a paste, aqueous, non-aqueous or any combination thereof.

25   As used herein, derivative or analog of a molecule refers to a portion derived from or a modified version of the molecule.

As used herein, operably linked, operatively linked or operationally associated refers to the functional relationship of DNA with regulatory and effector sequences of nucleotides, such as promoters, enhancers, transcriptional

30   and translational stop sites, and other signal sequences. For example, operative linkage of DNA to a promoter refers to the physical and functional relationship between the DNA and the promoter such that the transcription of such DNA is initiated from the promoter by an RNA polymerase that specifically recognizes,

binds to and transcribes the DNA. To optimize expression and/or *in vitro* transcription, it may be helpful to remove, add or alter 5' untranslated portions of the clones to eliminate extra, potentially inappropriate alternative translation initiation (*i.e.*, start) codons or other sequences that may interfere with or reduce

5   expression, either at the level of transcription or translation. Alternatively, consensus ribosome binding sites (see, *e.g.*, Kozak, *J. Biol. Chem.*, *266*:19867- 19870 (1991)) can be inserted immediately 5' of the start codon and may enhance expression. The desirability of (or need for) such modification may be empirically determined.

10   As used herein, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters or other derivatives of the conjugates include any salts, esters or derivatives that may be readily prepared by those of skill in this art using known methods for such derivatization and that produce compounds that may be administered to animals or humans without substantial toxic effects and that either are pharmaceutically

15   active or are prodrugs.

As used herein, a promoter region or promoter element refers to a segment of DNA or RNA that controls transcription of the DNA or RNA to which it is operatively linked. The promoter region includes specific sequences that are sufficient for RNA polymerase recognition, binding and transcription initiation.

20   This portion of the promoter region is referred to as the promoter. In addition, the promoter region includes sequences that modulate this recognition, binding and transcription initiation activity of RNA polymerase. These sequences may be *cis* acting or may be responsive to *trans* acting factors. Promoters, depending upon the nature of the regulation, may be constitutive or regulated.

25   As used herein: stringency of hybridization in determining percentage mismatch is as follows: (1) high stringency: 0.1 x SSPE, 0.1% SDS, 65°C; (2) medium stringency: 0.2 x SSPE, 0.1% SDS, 50°C; and (3) low stringency: 1.0 x SSPE, 0.1% SDS, 50°C. Equivalent stringencies may be achieved using alternative buffers, salts and temperatures.

The term substantially identical or homologous or similar varies with the context as understood by those skilled in the relevant art and generally means at least 70%, preferably means at least 80%, more preferably at least 90%, and most preferably at least 95% identity.

5   As used herein, substantially identical to a product means sufficiently similar so that the property of interest is sufficiently unchanged so that the substantially identical product can be used in place of the product.

As used herein, isolated means that a substance is either present in a preparation at a concentration higher than that substance is found in nature or in its

10   naturally occurring state or that the substance is present in a preparation that contains other materials with which the substance is not associated with in nature. As an example of the latter, an isolated meg PKS protein includes a meg PKS protein expressed in a *Streptomyces coelicolor* or *S. lividans* host cell.

As used herein, substantially pure means sufficiently homogeneous to

15   appear free of readily detectable impurities as determined by standard methods of analysis, such as thin layer chromatography (TLC), gel electrophoresis and high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), used by those of skill in the art to assess such purity, or sufficiently pure such that further purification would not detectably alter the physical and chemical properties, such as enzymatic and

20   biological activities, of the substance. Methods for purification of the compounds to produce substantially chemically pure compounds are known to those of skill in the art. A substantially chemically pure compound may, however, be a mixture of stereoisomers or isomers. In such instances, further purification might increase the specific activity of the compound.

As used herein, vector or plasmid refers to discrete elements that are used to introduce heterologous DNA into cells for either expression or replication thereof. Selection and use of such vehicles are well known within the skill of the artisan. An expression vector includes vectors capable of expressing DNAs that

5   are operatively linked with regulatory sequences, such as promoter regions, that are capable of effecting expression of such DNA fragments. Thus, an expression vector refers to a recombinant DNA or RNA construct, such as a plasmid, a phage, recombinant virus or other vector that, upon introduction into an appropriate host cell, results in expression of the cloned DNA. Appropriate expression vectors are

10   well known to those of skill in the art and include those that are replicable in eukaryotic cells and/or prokaryotic cells and those that remain episomal or those which integrate into the host cell genome.

Section II. Megalomicins

15   The megalomicins were discovered in 1969 at Schering Corp. as antibacterial agents produced by *Micromonospora megalomicea* (see Weinstein *et al.*, 1969, *J. Antibiotics 22*: 253-258, and U.S. Patent No. 3,632,750, both of which are incorporated herein by reference). Although the initial structural assignment was in error, a thorough reassessment of NMR data coupled with an

20   X-ray crystal structure of a megalomicin A derivative (see Nakagawa and Omura, "Structure and Stereochemistry of Macrolides" in *Macrolide Antibiotics* (S. Omura, ed.), Academic Press, NY, 1984, incorporated herein by reference) established the structures shown in Figure 3. The megalomicins are 6-*O*-glycosides of erythromycin C with acetyl or propionyl groups esterified at the 3'''

25   or 4''' hydroxyls of the mycarose sugar at the C-3-position. The C-6 sugar has been named "megosamine," although it had been identified 5 to 10 years earlier as L-rhodosamine or *N*-dimethyldaunosamine, deoxyamino sugars commonly present in the anthracycline antitumor drugs. The antibacterial potency, spectrum of activity, and toxicity (LD_{50} acute, 7-7.5 g/kg s.c. or oral; subacute, >500 mg/kg) of

30   the megalomicins is similar to that of erythromycin A.

The megalomicins have two modes of biological activity. As antibacterials, they act like the erythromycins, which inhibit protein synthesis at the translocation step by selective binding to the bacterial 50*S* ribosomal RNA. They also affect

protein trafficking in eukaryotic cells (see Bonay *et al.*, 1996, *J. Biol. Chem.*
271:3719-3726, incorporated herein by reference). Although the mechanism of
action is not entirely clear, it appears to involve inhibition of vesicular transport
between the medial and trans Golgi, resulting in under-sialylation of proteins. The

5 megalomicins also strongly inhibit the ATP-dependent acidification of lysosomes
in vivo (see Bonay *et al.*, 1997, *J. Cell. Sci. 110*:1839-1849, incorporated herein by
reference) and cause an anomalous glycosylation of viral proteins, which may be
responsible for their antiviral activity against herpes (Tox$_{50}$, 70-100 μM; see
Alarcon *et al.*, 1984, *Antivir. Res.* 4:231-243, and Alarcon *et al.*, 1988, *FEBS Lett.*

10 *231*:207-211, both of which are incorporated herein by reference).

Strikingly, the megalomicins are potent antiparasitic agents, showing an
IC$_{50}$ of 1 μg/ml in blocking intracellular replication of *Plasmodium falciparum*
infected erythrocytes (see Bonay *et al.*, 1998, *Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.*
42:2668-2673, incorporated herein by reference). The megalomicins are effective

15 against *Trypanosoma cruzi* and *T. brucei* (IC$_{50}$, 0.2-2 μg/ml) plus *Leishmania*
donovani and *L. major* promastigotes (IC$_{50}$, 3 and 8 μg/ml, respectively).
Megalomicin is also active against the intracellular replicative, amastigote form of
T. cruzi, completely preventing its replication in infected murine LLC/MK2
macrophages at a dose of 5 μg/ml. Importantly, the effective drug concentration is

20 500-fold less than the acute LD$_{50}$ in mammals, and there is no toxicity to BALB/c
mice at doses (50 mg/kg) that are completely curative for *T. brucei* infections.
Because the erythromycins do not have such activity, although azithromycin
(Figure 3) has been reported to be an effective acute and prophylactic treatment for
malaria caused by *P. vivax* and *P. falciparum* (see Taylor *et al.*, 1999, *Clin. Infect.*

25 *Dis.* 28:74-81, incorporated herein by reference), the antiparasitic action of the
megalomicins is unique and probably related to the presence of the deoxyamino
sugar megosamine at C-6 (Figure 3). Consequently, the megalomicins could be
developed into potent antimalarial drugs with a high therapeutic index and be
active against *P. falciparum* and other species that are resistant to currently used

30 classes of antimalarials. They also could lead to potent antiparasitic agents against
leishmaniasis, trypanosomiasis, and Chagas' disease. In view of the widespread
use of the erythromycins and their good oral availability plus the low mammalian
toxicity of macrolides in general, the megalomicins could be used prophylactically

to combat malaria, and as fermentation products, the megalomicins should be relatively inexpensive to produce. .

The megalomicins belong to the polyketide class of natural products whose members have diverse structural and pharmacological properties (see Monaghan

5   and Tkacz, 1990, *Annu. Rev. Microbiol. 44*: 271, incorporated herein by reference). The megalomicins are assembled by polyketide synthases through successive condensations of activated coenzyme-A thioester monomers derived from small organic acids such as acetate, propionate, and butyrate. Active sites required for condensation include an acyltransferase (AT), acyl carrier protein

10   (ACP), and beta-ketoacylsynthase (KS). Each condensation cycle results in a ß-keto group that undergoes all, some, or none of a series of processing activities. Active sites that perform these reactions include a ketoreductase (KR), dehydratase (DH), and enoylreductase (ER). Thus, the absence of any beta-keto processing domain results in the presence of a ketone, a KR alone gives rise to a

15   hydroxyl, a KR and DH result in an alkene, while a KR, DH, and ER combination leads to complete reduction to an alkane. After assembly of the polyketide chain, the molecule typically undergoes cyclization(s) and post-PKS modification (e.g. glycosylation, oxidation, acylation) to achieve the final active compound.

Macrolides such as erythromycin and megalomicin are synthesized by

20   modular PKSs (see Cane *et al.*, 1998, *Science 282*: 63, incorporated herein by reference). For illustrative purposes, the PKS that produces the erythromycin polyketide (6-deoxyerythronolide B synthase or DEBS; see U.S. Patent No. 5,824,513, incorporated herein by reference) is shown in Figure 4. DEBS is the most characterized and extensively used modular PKS system. DEBS is

25   particularly relevant to the present invention in that it synthesizes the same polyketide, 6-deoxyerythronolide B (6-dEB), synthesized by the megalomicin PKS. In modular PKS enzymes such as DEBS and the megalomicin PKS, the enzymatic steps for each round of condensation and reduction are encoded within a single "module" of the polypeptide (i.e., one distinct module for every

30   condensation cycle). DEBS consists of a loading module and 6 extender modules and a chain terminating thioesterase (TE) domain within three extremely large polypeptides encoded by three open reading frames (ORFs, designated *eryAI*, *eryAII*, and *eryAIII*).

Each of the three polypeptide subunits of DEBS (DEBSI, DEBSII, and DEBSIII) contains 2 extender modules, DEBSI additionally contains the loading module. Collectively, these proteins catalyze the condensation and appropriate reduction of 1 propionyl CoA starter unit and 6 methylmalonyl CoA extender

5   units. Modules 1, 2, 5, and 6 contain KR domains; module 4 contains a complete set, KR/DH/ER, of reductive and dehydratase domains; and module 3 contains no functional reductive domain. Following the condensation and appropriate dehydration and reduction reactions, the enzyme bound intermediate is lactonized by the TE at the end of extender module 6 to form 6-dEB.

10   More particularly, the loading module of DEBS consists of two domains, an acyl-transferase (AT) domain and an acyl carrier protein (ACP) domain. In other PKS enzymes, the loading module is not composed of an AT and an ACP but instead utilizes an inactivated KS, an AT, and an ACP. This inactivated KS is in most instances called KS^Q, where the superscript letter is the abbreviation for

15   the amino acid, glutamine, that is present instead of the active site cysteine required for activity. The AT domain of the loading module recognizes a particular acyl-CoA (propionyl for DEBS, which can also accept acetyl) and transfers it as a thiol ester to the ACP of the loading module. Concurrently, the AT on each of the extender modules recognizes a particular extender-CoA

20   (methylmalonyl for DEBS) and transfers it to the ACP of that module to form a thioester. Once the PKS is primed with acyl- and malonyl-ACPs, the acyl group of the loading module migrates to form a thiol ester (trans-esterification) at the KS of the first extender module; at this stage, extender module 1 possesses an acyl-KS and a methylmalonyl ACP. The acyl group derived from the loading module is

25   then covalently attached to the alpha-carbon of the malonyl group to form a carbon-carbon bond, driven by concomitant decarboxylation, and generating a new acyl-ACP that has a backbone two carbons longer than the loading unit (elongation or extension). The growing polyketide chain is transferred from the ACP to the KS of the next module, and the process continues.

30   . The polyketide chain, growing by two carbons each module, is sequentially passed as a covalently bound thiol ester from module to module, in an assembly line-like process. The carbon chain produced by this process alone would possess a ketone at every other carbon atom, producing a polyketone, from which the

name polyketide arises. Commonly, however, the beta keto group of each two-carbon unit is modified just after it has been added to the growing polyketide chain but before it is transferred to the next module by either a KR, a KR plus a DH, or a KR, a DH, and an ER. As noted above, modules may contain additional

5   enzymatic activities as well.

Once a polyketide chain traverses the final extender module of a PKS, it encounters the releasing domain or thioesterase found at the carboxyl end of most PKSs. Here, the polyketide is cleaved from the enzyme and cyclyzed. The resulting polyketide can be modified further by tailoring or modification enzymes;

10   these enzymes add carbohydrate groups or methyl groups, or make other modifications, i.e., oxidation or reduction, on the polyketide core molecule. For example, the final steps in conversion of 6-dEB to erythromycin A include the actions of a number of modification enzymes, such as: C-6 hydroxylation, attachment of mycarose and desosamine sugars, C-12 hydroxylation (which

15   produces erythromycin C), and conversion of mycarose to cladinose via O-methylation, as shown in Figure 5.

With this overview of PKS and post-PKS modification enzymes, one can better appreciate the recombinant megalomicin biosynthetic genes provided by the invention and their function, as described in the following Section.

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Section III: The Megalomicin Biosynthetic Genes and Nucleic Acid Fragments

The megalomicin PKS was isolated and cloned by the following procedure. Genomic DNA was isolated from a megalomicin producing strain of *Micromonospora megalomicea* subsp. nigra (ATCC 27598), partially digested

25   with a restriction enzyme, and cloned into a commercially available cosmid vector to produce a genomic library. This library was then probed with probe generated from the erythromycin biosynthetic genes as well as from cosmids identified as containing sequences homologous to erythromycin biosynthetic genes. This probing identified a set of cosmids, which were analyzed by DNA sequence

30   analysis and restriction enzyme digestion, which revealed that the desired DNA had been isolated and that the entire PKS gene cluster was contained in overlapping segments on four of the cosmids identified. Figure 1 shows the cosmids, and the portions of the megalomicin biosynthetic gene cluster in the

insert DNA of the cosmids. Figure 1 shows that the complete megalomicin biosynthetic gene cluster is contained within the insert DNA of cosmids pKOS079-138B, pKOS079-124B, pKOS079-93D, and pKOS079-93A. Each of these cosmids has been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection in

5   accordance with the terms of the Budapest Treaty (cosmid pKOS079-138B is available under accession no. **ATCC** _____; cosmid pKOS079-124B is available under accession no. **ATCC** _____; cosmid pKOS079-93D is available under accession no. **ATCC** _____; and cosmid pKOS079-93A is available under accession no. **ATCC** _____). Various additional reagents of the invention can be

10   isolated from these cosmids. DNA sequence analysis was also performed on the various subclones of the invention, as described herein. Further analysis of these cosmids and subclones prepared from the cosmids facilitated the identification of the location of various megalomicin biosynthetic genes, including the ORFs encoding the PKS, modules encoded by those ORFs, and coding sequences for

15   megalomicin modification enzymes. The location of these genes and modules is shown on Figure 2.

        Those of skill in the art will recognize that, due to the degenerate nature of the genetic code, a variety of DNA compounds differing in their nucleotide sequences can be used to encode a given amino acid sequence of the invention.

20   The native DNA sequence encoding the megalomicin PKS and other biosynthetic enzymes and other biosynthetic enzymes of *Micromonospora megalomicea* is shown herein merely to illustrate a preferred embodiment of the invention, and the invention includes DNA compounds of any sequence that encode the amino acid sequences of the polypeptides and proteins of the invention. In similar fashion, a

25   polypeptide can typically tolerate one or more amino acid substitutions, deletions, and insertions in its amino acid sequence without loss or significant loss of a desired activity. The present invention includes such polypeptides with alternate amino acid sequences, and the amino acid sequences encoded by the DNA sequences shown herein merely illustrate preferred embodiments of the invention.

30   The recombinant nucleic acids, proteins, and peptides of the invention are many and diverse. To facilitate an understanding of the invention and the diverse compounds and methods provided thereby, the following description of the various regions of the megalomicin PKS and the megalomicin modification

enzymes and corresponding coding sequences is provided. To facilitate description of the invention, reference to a PKS, protein, module, or domain herein can also refer to DNA compounds comprising coding sequences therefor and *vice versa*. Also, unless otherwise indicated, reference to a heterologous PKS refers to a PKS

5   or DNA compounds comprising coding sequences therefor from an organism other than *Micromonospora megalomicea*. In addition, reference to a PKS or its coding sequence includes reference to any portion thereof.

Thus, the invention provides DNA molecules in isolated (i.e., not pure, but existing in a preparation in an abundance and/or concentration not found in nature)

10   and purified (i.e., substantially free of contaminating materials or substantially free of materials with which the corresponding DNA would be found in nature) form. The DNA molecules of the invention comprise one or more sequences that encode one or more domains (or fragments of such domains) of one or more modules in one or more of the ORFs of the megalomicin PKS and sequences that encode

15   megalomicin modification enzymes from the megalomicin biosynthetic gene cluster. Examples of PKS domains include the KS, AT, DH, KR, ER, ACP, and TE domains of at least one of the 6 extender modules and loading module of the three proteins encoded by the three ORFs of the megalomicin PKS gene cluster. Examples of megalomicin modification enzymes include those that synthesize the

20   mycarose, desosamine, and megosamine moieties, those that transfer those sugar moieties to the polyketide 6-dEB, those that hydroxylate the polyketide at C-6 and C-12, and those that acylate the sugar moieties.

In an especially preferred embodiment, the DNA molecule is a recombinant DNA expression vector or plasmid, as described in more detail in the

25   following Section. Generally, such vectors can either replicate in the cytoplasm of the host cell or integrate into the chromosomal DNA of the host cell. In either case, the vector can be a stable vector (i.e., the vector remains present over many cell divisions, even if only with selective pressure) or a transient vector (i.e., the vector is gradually lost by host cells with increasing numbers of cell divisions).

30   The megalomicin PKS gene cluster comprises three ORFs (*megAI, megAII,* and *megAIII*). Each ORF encodes two extender modules of the PKS; the first ORF also encodes the loading module. Each extender module is composed of at least a KS, an AT, and an ACP domain. The locations of the various encoding regions of

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these ORFs are shown in Figure 2 and described with reference to the sequence
information below. The megalomicin PKS produces the polyketide known as 6-
dEB, shown in Figure 4. In megalomicin-producing organisms, 6-dEB is
converted to erythromycin C by a set of modification enzymes. Thus, 6-dEB is

5   converted to erythronolide B by the *megF* gene product (a homolog of the *eryF*
gene product), then to 3-alpha-mycarosyl-erythronolide B by the *megBV* gene
product (a homolog of the *eryBV* gene product), then to erythromycin D by the
megCIII gene product (a homolog of the *eryCIII* gene product, then to
erythromycin C by the *megK* gene product (a homolog of the *eryK* gene product).

10   In addition to these modification enzymes, such megalomicin-producing
organisms also contain the modification enzymes necessary for the biosynthesis of
the desosamine and mycarose moieties that are similarly utilized in erythromycin
biosynthesis, as shown in Figure 5. Megalomicin A contains the complete
. erythromycin C structure, and its biosynthesis additionally involves the formation

15   of L-megosamine (L-rhodosamine) and its attachment to the C-6 hydroxyl
(Figures 3 and 5, inset), followed by acylation of the C-3''' and(or) C-4'''
hydroxyls as the terminal steps. L-megosamine is the same as *N*-dimethyl-L-
daunosamine; the daunosamine genes have been characterized from *Streptomyces
peucetius* (see Colombo and Hutchinson, *J. Indust. Microbiol. Biotechnol.*, in

20   press; Otten *et al.*, 1996, *J Bacteriol* 178:7316-7321, and references cited therein).
Some of the rhodosamine genes also have been cloned and partially characterized
from another anthracycline producing *Streptomyces* sp. (see Torkkell *et al.*, 1997,
Mol. Gen. Genet. 256(2):203-209). Because the timing of the glycosylation with
TDP-megosamine in relation to the addition of mycarose and desosamine to

25   erythronolide B, plus the C-12 hydroxylation, is unknown, the pathway could
involve a different order of glycosylation and C-12 hydroxylation steps than the
one shown in Figure 5. Regardless, the megalomicin biosynthetic gene cluster
contains the genes to make L-rhodosamine and attach it to the correct macrolide
substrate.

30   The biosynthetic pathways to make the glycosides desosamine, mycarose,
and megosamine are shown in Figure 6. The present invention provides the genes
for each biosynthetic pathway shown in this Figure, and these recombinant genetic

pathways can be used alone or in any combination to confer the pathway to a heterologous host.

The megalomicin PKS locus is similar to the *eryA* locus in size and organization. Most of the deoxysugar biosynthesis genes are homologs of the *eryB*

5   mycarose and *eryC* desosamine biosynthesis and glycosyl attachment genes from *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* (see Summers *et al.*, 1997, *Microbiol. 143*:3251-3262; Haydock *et al.*, 1991, *Mol. Gen. Genet.* 230:120-128; Gaisser *et al.*, 1997, *Mol Gen Genet*, 256:239-251; Gaisser *et al.*, 1998, *Mol Gen Genet.* 257:78-88, incorporated herein by reference) or the *picC* homologs from the picromycin and

10   narbomycin producer (see PCT patent publication No. 99/61599 and Xue et al., 1998, *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA 95*, 12111-12116, incorporated herein by reference). The TDP-megosamine biosynthesis genes are homologs of the *dnm* genes (see Figure 5) and the pikromycin N-dimethyltransferase gene or its homologs reported in a cluster of L-rhodosamine biosynthesis genes. The putative

15   TDP-megosamine glycosyltransferase gene product (*geneX* in Figure 5) closely resembles the deduced products of the *eryBV*, *eryCIII*, *dnmS*, and pikromycin *desVII* genes, even though it recognizes different substrates than the products of each of these genes.

The following Table 1 shows the location of the genes in the

20   *Micromonospora megalomicea* megalomicin biosynthetic pathway in the DNA sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 (see also Figure 7; note some gene designations maybe different in Figure 7).

Table 1. Megalomicin Biosynthetic Gene Cluster
25   *Micromonospora megalomicea* subsp. nigra (ATCC27598)

Location	Description
1..2451	sequence from cosmid pKOS079-138B
complement(1..144)	*megBVI (or megT)*, TDP-4-keto-6-deoxyglucose-
2,3-dehydratase	
928..2061	*megDVI*, TDP-4-keto-6-deoxyglucose 3,4-isomerase
2072..3382	*megDI*, TDP-megosaminyl transferase (*eryCIII*
homolog)	
2452..40397	sequence of cosmid pKOS079-93D
3462..4634	*megG(or megY)*, mycarosyl acyltransferase
4651..5775	*megDII*, deoxysugar transaminase (*eryCI, DnrJ* homolog)

	5822..6595	*megDIII*, TDP-daunosaminyl-N,N-dimethyltransferase
		(*eryCVI* homolog)
	6592..7197	*megDIV*, TDP-4-keto-6-deoxyglucose 3,5-epimerase
5		(*eryBVII*, *dnmU* homolog)
	7220..8206	*megDV*, TDP-hexose 4-ketoreductase (*eryBIV*, *dnmV*
		homolog)
	complement(8228..9220)	*megBII*-1 or *megDVII*, TDP-4-keto-L-6-deoxy-
10		hexose 2,3-reductase
	complement(9226..10479)	*megBV*, TDP-mycarosyl transferase
	complement(10483..11424)	*megBIV*, TDP-hexose 4-ketoreductase
	12181..22821	*megAI*
	12181..13791	Loading Module (L)
15	12505..13470	AT-L
	13576..13791	ACP-L
	13849..18207	Extender Module 1 (1)
	13849..15126	KS1
	15427..16476	AT1
20	17155..17694	KR1
	17947..18207	ACP1
	18268..22575	Extender Module 2 (2)
	18268..19548	KS2
	19876..20910	AT2
25	21517..22053	KR2
	22318..22575	ACP2
	22867..33555	*megAII*
	22957..27258	Extender Module 3 (3)
	22957..24237	KS3
30	24544..25581	AT3
	26230..26733	KR3 (inactive)
	26998..27258	ACP3
	27313..33312	Extender Module 4 (4)
	27393..28590	KS4
35	28897..29931	AT4
	29953..30477	DH4
	31396..32244	ER4
	32257..32799	KR4
	33052..33312	ACP4
40	33666..43271	*megAIII*
	33780..38120	Extender Module 5 (5)
	33780..35027	KS5
	35385..36419	AT5
	37068..37604	KR5
45	37860..38120	ACP5
	38187..42425	Extender Module 6 (6)
	38187..39470	KS6
	39795..40811	AT6
	40398..46641	sequences from cosmid pKOS079-93A

41406..41936	KR6
42168..42425	ACP6
42585..43271	TE ·
43268..44344	*megCII*, TDP-4-keto-6-deoxyglucose 3,4-isomerase
5 44355..45623	*megCIII*, TDP-desosaminyl transferase
45620..46591	*megBII*, TDP-4-keto-6-deoxy-L-glucose 2,3 dehydratase
complement(46660..47403)	*megH*, TEII
complement(47411..47980)	*megF*, C-6 hydroxylase

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In a specific embodiment, the invention provides an isolated nucleic acid fragment comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a domain of the megalomicin polyketide synthase or a megalomicin modification enzyme. The isolated nucleic acid fragment can be a DNA or a RNA. Preferably, the isolated

15   nucleic acid fragment is a recombinant DNA compound. A nucleotide sequence that is complementary to the nucleotide sequence encoding a domain of megalomicin PKS or a megalomicin modification enzyme is also provided.

The isolated nucleic acid fragment can comprise a single, multiple or all the open reading frame(s) (ORF) of the megalomicin PKS or the megalomicin

20   modification enzyme. Exemplary ORFs of megalomicin PKS include the ORFs of the *megAI*, *megAII* and *megAIII* genes. The isolated nucleic acids of the invention also include nucleic acids that encode one or more domains and one or more modules of the megalomicin PKS. Exemplary domains of the megalomicin PKS include a TE domain, a KS domain, an AT domain, an ACP domain, a KR

25   domain, a DH domain and an ER domain. In a preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid comprises the coding sequence for a loading module, a thioesterase domain, and all six extender modules of the megalomicin PKS.

Megalomicin modification enzymes include those enzymes involved in the conversion of 6-DEB into a megalomicin such as the enzymes encoded by *megF*,

30   *meg BV*, *megCIII*, *megK*, *megDI* and *megG* (or *megY*). Megalomicin modification enzymes also include those enzymes involved in the biosynthesis of mycarose, megosamine or desosamine, which are used as biosynthetic intermediates in the biosynthesis of various megalomicin species and other related polyketides. The enzymes that are involved in biosynthesis of mycarose, megosamine or

35   desosamine are described in Figures 5 and 10. The megalomicin PKS and megalomicin modification enzymes are collectively referred to as megalomicin

biosynthetic enzymes; the genes encoding such enzymes are collectively referred to as megalomicin biosynthetic genes; and nucleic acids that comprise a portion of or entire megalomicin biosynthetic genes are collectively referred to as megalomicin biosynthetic nucleic acid(s).

5   In specific embodiments, the megalomicin biosynthetic nucleic acids comprise the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, or the coding regions thereof, or nucleotide sequences encoding, in whole or in part, a megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme protein. The isolated nucleic acids typically consists of at least 25 (continuous) nucleotides, 50 nucleotides, 100 nucleotides, 150 nucleotides, or 200

10   nucleotides of megalomicin biosynthetic nucleic acid sequence, or a full-length megalomicin biosynthetic coding sequence. In another embodiment, the nucleic acids are smaller than 35, 200, or 500 nucleotides in length. Nucleic acids can be single or double stranded. Nucleic acids that hybridize to or are complementary to the foregoing sequences, in particular the inverse complement to nucleic acids that

15   hybridize to the foregoing sequences (*i.e.*, the inverse complement of a nucleic acid strand has the complementary sequence running in reverse orientation to the strand so that the inverse complement would hybridize without mismatches to the nucleic acid strand) are also provided. In specific aspects, nucleic acids are provided which comprise a sequence complementary to (specifically are the

20   inverse complement of) at least 10, 25, 50, 100, or 200 nucleotides or the entire coding region of a megalomicin biosynthetic gene.

The megalomicin biosynthetic nucleic acids provided herein include those with nucleotide sequences encoding substantially the same amino acid sequences as found in native megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme proteins, and those encoding

25   amino acid sequences with functionally equivalent amino acids, as well as megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme derivatives or analogs as described in Section IV.

Some regions within the megalomicin PKS genes are highly homologous or identical to one another, as can be readily identified by an analysis of the

30   sequence. The coding sequence for the KS and AT domains of module 2 shares significant identity with the coding sequence for the KS and AT domains of module 6. This sequence homology or identity at the nucleic acid, *e.g.*, DNA, level can render the nucleic acid unstable in certain host cells. To improve the stability

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of the nucleic acids comprising a portion or the entire megalomicin PKS genes and megalomicin modification enzyme genes, the nucleic acid or DNA sequences can be changed to reduce or abolish the sequence homology or identity. Preferably, the DNA codons of homologous regions within the PKS or the megalomicin

5   modification enzyme coding sequence are changed to reduce or abolish the sequence homology or identity without changing the amino acid sequences encoded by said changed DNA codons (see the examples below). The stability of the nucleic acid or DNA can also be improved by codon changes that reduce or abolish the sequence homology or identity while also changing the amino acid

10   sequence, provided that the amino acid sequence change(s) does not substantially change the desired activity of the encoded megalomicin PKS. Thus, for example, one can simply substitute for the *megAIII* ORF an ORF from *eryAIII*, *oleAIII*, *picAIII*, or *picAIV* genes.

The recombinant DNA compounds of the invention that encode the

15   megalomicin PKS and modification proteins or portions thereof are useful in a variety of applications. While many of these applications relate to the heterologous expression of the megalomicin biosynthetic genes or the construction of hybrid PKS enzymes, many useful applications involve the natural megalomicin producer *Micromonospora megalomicea*. For example, one can use the recombinant DNA

20   compounds of the invention to disrupt the megalomicin biosynthetic genes by homologous recombination in *Micromonospora megalomicea*. The resulting host cell is a preferred host cell for making polyketides modified by oxidation, hydroxylation, glycosylation, and acylation in a manner similar to megalomicin, because the genes that encode the proteins that perform these reactions are of

25   course present in the host cell, and because the host cell does not produce megalomicin that could interfere with production or purification of the polyketide of interest.

One illustrative recombinant host cell provided by the present invention expresses a recombinant megalomicin PKS in which the module 1 KS domain is

30   inactivated by deletion or other mutation. In a preferred embodiment, the inactivation is mediated by a change in the KS domain that renders it incapable of binding substrate (called a KS1° mutation). In a particularly preferred embodiment, this inactivation is rendered by a mutation in the codon for the active

site cysteine that changes the codon to another codon, such as an alanine codon. Such constructs are especially useful when placed in translational reading frame with extender modules 1 and 2 of a megalomicin or the corresponding modules of another PKS. The utility of these constructs is that host cells expressing, or cell

5   free extracts containing, a PKS comprising the protein encoded thereby can be fed or supplied with N-acylcysteamine thioesters of precursor molecules to prepare a polyketide of interest. See U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/492,773, filed 27 Jan. 2000, and PCT patent publication No. 00/44717, both of which are incorporated herein by reference. Such KS1° constructs of the invention are useful

10   in the production of 13-substituted-megalomicin compounds in *Micromonospora megalomicea* host cells. Preferred compounds of the invention include those compounds in which the substituent at the 13-position is propyl, vinyl, propargyl, other lower alkyl, and substituted alkyl.

In a variant of this embodiment, one can employ a megalomicin PKS in

15   which the ACP domain of module 1 has been rendered inactive. In another embodiment, one can delete the loading domain of the megalomicin PKS and provide monoketide substrates for processing by the remainder of the PKS.

The compounds of the invention can also be used to construct recombinant host cells of the invention in which coding sequences for one or more domains or

20   modules of the megalomicin PKS or for another megalomicin biosynthetic gene have been deleted by homologous recombination with the *Micromonospora megalomicea* chromosomal DNA. Those of skill in the art will appreciate that the compounds used in the recombination process are characterized by their homology with the chromosomal DNA and not by encoding a functional protein due to their

25   intended function of deleting or otherwise altering portions of chromosomal DNA. For this and a variety of other applications, the compounds of the present invention include not only those DNA compounds that encode functional proteins but also those DNA compounds that are complementary or identical to any portion of the megalomicin biosynthetic genes.

30   Thus, the invention provides a variety of modified *Micromonospora megalomicea* host cells in which one or more of the megalomicin biosynthetic genes have been mutated or disrupted. Transformation systems for *M. megalomicea* have been described by Hasegawa *et al.*, 1991, *J. Bacteriol.*

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173:7004-11; and Takada *et al.*, 1994, *J. Antibiot. 47*:1167-1170, both of which are incorporated herein by reference. These cells are especially useful when it is desired to replace the disrupted function with a gene product expressed by a recombinant DNA expression vector. While such expression vectors of the

5   invention are described in more detail in the following Section, those of skill in the art will appreciate that the vectors have application to *M. megalomicea* as well. Such *M. megalomicea* host cells can be preferred host cells for expressing megalomicin derivatives of the invention. Particularly preferred host cells of this type include those in which the coding sequence for the loading module has been

10   mutated or disrupted, those in which one or more of any of the PKS gene ORFs has been mutated or disrupted, and/or those in which the genes for one or more modification (glycosylation, acylation, hydroxylation) have been mutated or disrupted.

While the present invention provides many useful compounds having

15   application to, and recombinant host cells derived from, *Micromonospora megalomicea*, many important applications of the present invention relate to the heterologous expression of all or a portion of the megalomicin biosynthetic genes in cells other than *M. megalomicea*, as described in Section V.

20   Section IV: The Megalomicin Biosynthetic Enzymes and Antibodies Recognizing such Enzymes

In another specific embodiment, the invention provides a substantially purified polypeptide, which is encoded by a nucleic acid fragment comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a domain of megalomicin polyketide synthase

25   (PKS) or a megalomicin modification enzyme. The polypeptide can comprise a single domain, multiple domains or a full-length megalomicin PKS or megalomicin modification enzyme. Functional fragments, analogs or derivatives of the megalomicin PKS or megalomicin modification enzyme polypeptides are also provided. Preferably, such fragments, analogs or derivatives can be

30   recognized an antibody raised against a megalomicin PKS or megalomicin modification enzyme. Also preferably, such fragments, analogs or derivatives comprise an amino acid sequence that has at least 60% identity, more preferably at least 90% identity to their wild type counterparts.

An exemplary nucleotide sequence encoding, and the corresponding amino acid sequence of, a megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme is disclosed in SEQ ID NO:1. Homologs (*e.g.*, nucleic acids of the above-listed genes of species other than *Micromonospora megalomicea*) or other related sequences (*e.g.*, paralogs)

5   can be obtained by low, moderate or high stringency hybridization with all or a portion of the particular sequence provided as a probe using methods well known in the art for nucleic acid hybridization and cloning (*e.g.*, as described in Section III) in accordance with the methods of the present invention.

The megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme proteins, or domains thereof, of the

10   present invention can be obtained by methods well known in the art for protein purification and recombinant protein expression in accordance with the methods of the present invention. For recombinant expression of one or more of the proteins, the nucleic acid containing all or a portion of the nucleotide sequence encoding the protein can be inserted into an appropriate expression vector, *i.e.*, a

15   vector that contains the necessary elements for the transcription and translation of the inserted protein coding sequence. Transcriptional and translational signals can be supplied by the native promoter for a megalomicin biosynthetic gene and/or flanking regions.

A variety of host-vector systems may be utilized to express the protein

20   coding sequence. These include but are not limited to mammalian cell systems infected with virus (*e.g.* vaccinia virus, adenovirus, and the like); insect cell systems infected with virus (*e.g.* baculovirus); microorganisms such as yeast containing yeast vectors; or bacteria transformed with bacteriophage, DNA, plasmid DNA, or cosmid DNA. The expression elements of vectors vary in their

25   properties. Depending on the host-vector system utilized, any one of a number of suitable transcription and translation elements may be used.

In a specific embodiment, a vector is used that comprises a promoter operably linked to nucleic acid sequences encoding a megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme, or a domain, fragment, derivative or homolog, thereof, one or more

30   origins of replication, and optionally, one or more selectable markers (*e.g.*, an antibiotic resistance gene).

Expression vectors containing the sequences of interest can be identified by three general approaches: (a) nucleic acid hybridization, (b) presence or

absence of "marker" gene function, and (c) expression of the inserted sequences. In the first approach, megalomicin biosynthetic nucleic acid sequences can be detected by nucleic acid hybridization to probes comprising sequences homologous and complementary to the inserted sequences. In the second

5 approach, the recombinant vector/host system can be identified and selected based upon the presence or absence of certain "marker" functions (e.g., binding to an anti-megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme antibody, resistance to antibiotics, occlusion body formation in baculovirus, and the like) caused by insertion of the sequences of interest in the vector. For example, if a megalomicin biosynthetic

10 gene, or portion thereof, is inserted within the marker gene sequence of the vector, recombinants containing the megalomicin biosynthetic gene fragment will be identified by the absence of the marker gene function. In the third approach, recombinant expression vectors can be identified by assaying for the megalomicin biosynthetic gene products expressed by the recombinant vector. Such assays can

15 be based, for example, on the physical or functional properties of the interacting species in *in vitro* assay systems, e.g., megalomicin synthesis activity, immunoreactivity to antibodies specific for the protein.

Once recombinant megalomicin biosynthetic genes or nucleic acids are identified, several methods known in the art can be used to propagate them in

20 accordance with the methods of the present invention. Once a suitable host system and growth conditions have been established, recombinant expression vectors can be propagated and amplified in quantity. As previously described, the expression vectors or derivatives which can be used include, but are not limited to: human or animal viruses such as vaccinia virus or adenovirus; insect viruses such

25 as baculovirus, yeast vectors; bacteriophage vectors such as lambda phage; and plasmid and cosmid vectors.

In addition, a host cell strain may be chosen that modulates the expression of the inserted sequences, or modifies or processes the expressed proteins in the specific fashion desired. Expression from certain promoters can be elevated in the

30 presence of certain inducers; thus expression of the genetically-engineered megalomicin biosynthetic enzymes may be controlled. Furthermore, different host cells have characteristic and specific mechanisms for the translational and post-translational processing and modification (e.g. glycosylation, phosphorylation, and

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the like) of proteins. Appropriate cell lines or host systems can be chosen to
ensure the desired modification and processing of the foreign protein is achieved.
For example, expression in a bacterial system can be used to produce an
unglycosylated core protein, while expression in mammalian cells ensures

5   "native" glycosylation of a heterologous protein. Furthermore, different
vector/host expression systems may effect processing reactions to different extent.

In particular, megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme derivatives can be made by
altering their sequences by substitutions, additions or deletions that provide for
functionally equivalent molecules. Due to the degeneracy of nucleotide coding

10   sequences, other DNA sequences which encode substantially the same amino acid
sequence as an megalomicin biosynthetic gene can be used in the practice of the
present invention. These include but are not limited to nucleotide sequences
comprising all or portions of megalomicin biosynthetic genes that are altered by
the substitution of different codons that encode the amino acid residue within the

15   sequence, thus producing a silent change. Likewise, the megalomicin biosynthetic
enzyme derivatives of the invention include, but are not limited to, those
containing, as a primary amino acid sequence, all or part of the amino acid
sequence of megalomicin biosynthetic enzymes, including altered sequences in
which functionally equivalent amino acid residues are substituted for residues

20   within the sequence resulting in a silent change. For example, one or more amino
acid residues within the sequence can be substituted by another amino acid of a
similar polarity which acts as a functional equivalent, resulting in a silent
alteration. Substitutes for an amino acid within the sequence may be selected
from other members of the class to which the amino acid belongs. For example,

25   the nonpolar (hydrophobic) amino acids include alanine, leucine, isoleucine,
valine, proline, phenylalanine, tryptophan and methionine. The polar neutral
amino acids include glycine, serine, threonine, cysteine, tyrosine, asparagine, and
glutamine. The positively charged (basic) amino acids include arginine, lysine and
histidine. The negatively charged (acidic) amino acids include aspartic acid and

30   glutamic acid.

In a specific embodiment of the invention, the nucleic acids encoding
proteins and proteins consisting of or comprising a domain or a fragment of
megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme consisting of at least 6 (continuous) amino

acids are provided. In other embodiments, the domain or fragment consists of at least 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50 amino acids of a megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme. In specific embodiments, such domains or fragments are not larger than 35, 100 or 200 amino acids. Derivatives or analogs of megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme

5   include but are not limited to molecules comprising regions that are substantially homologous to megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme in various embodiments, at least 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90% or 95% identity over an amino acid sequence of identical size or when compared to an aligned sequence in which the alignment is done by a computer homology program known in the art in

10   accordance with the methods of the present invention or whose encoding nucleic acid is capable of hybridizing to a sequence encoding a megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme under stringent, moderately stringent, or nonstringent conditions.

        The megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme domains, derivatives and analogs of the invention can be produced by various methods known in the art in accordance

15   with the methods of the present invention. The manipulations which result in their production can occur at the gene or protein level. For example, the cloned megalomicin biosynthetic gene sequence can be modified by any of numerous strategies known in the art (Sambrook et al., 1990, *Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual,* 2d ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor,

20   New York) in accordance with the methods of the present invention. The sequences can be cleaved at appropriate sites with restriction endonuclease(s), followed by further enzymatic modification if desired, isolated, and ligated *in vitro.*

        Additionally, the megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme-encoding nucleotide

25   sequence can be mutated *in vitro* or *in vivo*, to create and/or destroy translation, initiation, and/or termination sequences, or to create variations in coding regions and/or form new restriction endonuclease sites or destroy pre-existing ones, to facilitate further *in vitro* modification. Any technique for mutagenesis known in the art can be used in accordance with the methods of the present invention,

30   including but not limited to, chemical mutagenesis and *in vitro* site-directed mutagenesis (Hutchinson et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 253:6551-6558 (1978)), use of TAB® linkers (Pharmacia), and the like.

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Once a recombinant cell expressing a megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme protein, or a domain, fragment or derivative thereof, is identified, the individual gene product can be isolated and analyzed. This is achieved by assays based on the physical and/or functional properties of the protein, including, but not limited

5   to, radioactive labeling of the product followed by analysis by gel electrophoresis, immunoassay, cross-linking to marker-labeled product, and the like.

The megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme proteins may be isolated and purified by standard methods known in the art or recombinant host cells expressing the complexes or proteins in accordance with the methods of the

10   invention, including but not restricted to column chromatography (e.g., ion exchange, affinity, gel exclusion, reversed-phase high pressure, fast protein liquid, and the like), differential centrifugation, differential solubility, or by any other standard technique used for the purification of proteins. Functional properties may be evaluated using any suitable assay known in the art in accordance with the

15   methods of the present invention.

Alternatively, once a megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme or its domain or derivative is identified, the amino acid sequence of the protein can be deduced from the nucleotide sequence of the gene which encodes it. As a result, the protein or its domain or derivative can be synthesized by standard chemical

20   methods known in the art in accordance with the methods of the present invention (see Hunkapiller et al, *Nature* 310:105-111 (1984)).

Manipulations of megalomicin biosynthetic enzymes may be made at the protein level. Included within the scope of the invention are megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme domains, derivatives or analogs or fragments, which are

25   differentially modified during or after translation, e.g., by glycosylation, acetylation, phosphorylation, amidation, derivatization by known protecting/blocking groups, proteolytic cleavage, linkage to an antibody molecule or other cellular ligand, and the like. Any of numerous chemical modifications may be carried out by known techniques, including but not limited to specific

30   chemical cleavage by cyanogen bromide, trypsin, chymotrypsin, papain, V8 protease, $NaBH_4$, acetylation, formylation, oxidation, reduction, metabolic synthesis in the presence of tunicamycin, and the like.

In specific embodiments, the megalomicin biosynthetic enzymes are modified to include a fluorescent label. In other specific embodiments, the megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme is modified to have a heterofunctional reagent, such heterofunctional reagents can be used to crosslink the members of the

5   complex.

In addition, domains, analogs and derivatives of a megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme can be chemically synthesized. For example, a peptide corresponding to a portion of a megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme, which comprises the desired domain or which mediates the desired activity *in vitro* can

10   be synthesized by use of a peptide synthesizer. Furthermore, if desired, nonclassical amino acids or chemical amino acid analogs can be introduced as a substitution or addition into the megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme sequence. Non-classical amino acids include but are not limited to the D-isomers of the common amino acids, alpha-amino isobutyric acid, 4-aminobutyric acid,

15   .2-aminobutyric acid, 6-amino hexanoic acid, Aib, 2-amino isobutyric acid, 3-amino propionoic acid, ornithine, norleucine, norvaline, hydroxyproline, sarcosine, citrulline, cysteic acid, t-butylglycine, t-butylalanine, phenylglycine, cyclohexylalanine, ß-alanine, fluoro-amino acids, designer amino acids such as ß-methyl amino acids, Ca-methyl amino acids, Na-methyl amino acids, and amino

20 .   acid analogs in general. Furthermore, the amino acid can be D (dextrorotary) or L (levorotary).

In cases where natural products are suspected of being mutant or are isolated from new species, the amino acid sequence of the megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme isolated from the natural source, as well as those expressed *in*

25   *vitro*, or from synthesized expression vectors *in vivo* or *in vitro*, can be determined from analysis of the DNA sequence, or alternatively, by direct sequencing of the isolated protein. Such analysis may be performed by manual sequencing or through use of an automated amino acid sequenator.

The megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme proteins may also be analyzed by

30   hydrophilicity analysis (Hopp and Woods, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 78:3824-3828 (1981)). A hydrophilicity profile can be used to identify the hydrophobic and hydrophilic regions of the proteins, and help predict their orientation in designing substrates for experimental manipulation, such as in binding

experiments, antibody synthesis, and the like. Secondary structural analysis can also be done to identify regions of the megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme that assume specific structures (Chou and Fasman, *Biochemistry* 13:222-23 (1974)). Manipulation, translation, secondary structure prediction, hydrophilicity and

5   hydrophobicity profiles, open reading frame prediction and plotting, and determination of sequence homologies, can be accomplished using computer software programs available in the art.

Other methods of structural analysis including but not limited to X-ray crystallography (Engstrom, *Biochem. Exp. Biol.* 11:7-13 (1974)), mass

10   spectroscopy and gas chromatography (Methods in Protein Science, J. Wiley and Sons, New York, 1997), and computer modeling (Fletterick and Zoller, eds., 1986, Computer Graphics and Molecular Modeling, In: *Current Communications in Molecular Biology,* Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor Press, New York) can also be employed.

15   The invention also provides an antibody, or a fragment or derivative thereof, which immuno-specifically binds to a domain of megalomicin polyketide synthase (PKS) or a megalomicin modification enzyme. In a specific embodiment, an antibody which immuno-specifically binds to a domain of the megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme encoded by a nucleic acid that hybridizes to a

20   nucleic acid having the nucleotide sequence set forth in the SEQ. ID NO:1, or a fragment or derivative of said antibody containing the binding domain thereof is provided. Preferably, the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

The megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme protein and domains, fragments, homologs and derivatives thereof may be used as immunogens to generate

25   antibodies which immunospecifically bind such immunogens. Such antibodies include but are not limited to polyclonal, monoclonal, chimeric, single chain, Fab fragments, and an Fab expression library.

Various procedures known in the art may be used for the production of polyclonal antibodies to a megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme protein of the

30   invention, its domains, derivatives, fragments or analogs in accordance with the methods of the present invention.

For production of the antibody, various host animals can be immunized by injection with the native megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme protein or a synthetic

version, or a derivative of the foregoing, such as a cross-linked megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme. Such host animals include but are not limited to rabbits, mice, rats, and the like. Various adjuvants can be used to increase the immunological response, depending on the host species, and include but are not

5   limited to Freund's (complete and incomplete), mineral gels such as aluminum hydroxide, surface active substances such as lysolecithin, pluronic polyols, polyanions, peptides, oil emulsions, dinitrophenol, and potentially useful human adjuvants such as bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG) and corynebacterium parvum.

For preparation of monoclonal antibodies directed towards a megalomicin

10   biosynthetic enzyme or domains, derivatives, fragments or analogs thereof, any technique that provides for the production of antibody molecules by continuous cell lines in culture may be used. Such techniques include but are not restricted to the hybridoma technique originally developed by Kohler and Milstein (*Nature* 256:495-497 (1975)), the trioma technique, the human B-cell hybridoma technique

15   (Kozbor et al., *Immunology Today* 4:72 (1983)), and the EBV hybridoma technique to produce human monoclonal antibodies (Cole et al., *in Monoclonal Antibodies and Cancer Therapy*, Alan R. Liss, Inc., pp. 77-96 (1985)). In an additional embodiment, monoclonal antibodies can be produced in germ-free animals (WO89/12690). Human antibodies may be used and can be obtained by

20   using human hybridomas (Cote et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 80:2026-2030 (1983)) or by transforming human B cells with EBV virus *in vitro* (Cole et al., *in Monoclonal Antibodies and Cancer Therapy*, Alan R. Liss, Inc., pp. 77-96 (1985)). Techniques developed for the production of "chimeric antibodies" (Morrison et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 81:6851-6855 (1984); Neuberger et

25 . al., *Nature* 312:604-608 (1984); Takeda et al., *Nature* 314:452-454 (1985)) by splicing the genes from a mouse antibody molecule specific for the megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme protein together with genes from a human antibody molecule of appropriate biological activity can be used; such antibodies are within the scope of this invention.

30   Techniques described for the production of single chain antibodies (U.S. patent 4,946,778) can be adapted to produce megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme-specific single chain antibodies. An additional embodiment utilizes the techniques described for the construction of Fab expression libraries (Huse et al., *Science*

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246:1275-1281 (1989)) to allow rapid and easy identification of monoclonal Fab

fragments with the desired specificity for megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme, or

domains, derivatives, or analogs thereof. Non-human antibodies can be

"humanized" by known methods (see, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 5,225,539).

5   Antibody fragments that contain the idiotypes of a megalomicin

biosynthetic enzyme can be generated by techniques known in the art in

accordance with the methods of the present invention. For example, such

fragments include but are not limited to: the F(ab')2 fragment which can be

produced by pepsin digestion of the antibody molecule; the Fab' fragments that

10   can be generated by reducing the disulfide bridges of the F(ab')2 fragment, the Fab

fragments that can be generated by treating the antibody molecular with papain

and a reducing agent, and Fv fragments.

       In the production of antibodies, screening for the desired antibody can be

accomplished by techniques known in the art in accordance with the methods of

15   the present invention, e.g., ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay). To

select antibodies specific to a particular domain of the megalomicin biosynthetic

enzyme, one may assay generated hybridomas for a product that binds to the

fragment of a megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme that contains such a domain.

       The foregoing antibodies can be used in methods known in the art relating

20   to the localization and/or quantitation of megalomicin biosynthetic enzyme

proteins, e.g., for imaging these proteins or measuring levels thereof in samples, in

accordance with the methods of the present invention.

Section V: Heterologous Expression of the Megalomicin Biosynthetic Genes

25   In one important embodiment, the invention provides methods for the

heterologous expression of one or more of the megalomicin biosynthetic genes

and recombinant DNA expression vectors useful in the method. For purposes of

the invention, any host cell other than Micromonospora megalomicea is a

heterologous host cell. Thus, included within the scope of the invention in

30   addition to isolated nucleic acids encoding domains, modules, or proteins of the

megalomicin PKS and modification enzymes, are recombinant expression vectors

that include such nucleic acids. The term expression vector refers to a nucleic acid

that can be introduced into a host cell or cell-free transcription and translation

system. An expression vector can be maintained permanently or transiently in a cell, whether as part of the chromosomal or other DNA in the cell or in any cellular compartment, such as a replicating vector in the cytoplasm. An expression vector also comprises a promoter that drives expression of an RNA, which

5 typically is translated into a polypeptide in the cell or cell extract. For efficient translation of RNA into protein, the expression vector also typically contains a ribosome-binding site sequence positioned upstream of the start codon of the coding sequence of the gene to be expressed. Other elements, such as enhancers, secretion signal sequences, transcription termination sequences, and one or more

10 marker genes by which host cells containing the vector can be identified and/or selected, may also be present in an expression vector. Selectable markers, i.e., genes that confer antibiotic resistance or sensitivity, are preferred and confer a selectable phenotype on transformed cells when the cells are grown in an appropriate selective medium.

15   The various components of an expression vector can vary widely, depending on the intended use of the vector and the host cell(s) in which the vector is intended to replicate or drive expression. Expression vector components suitable for the expression of genes and maintenance of vectors in *E. coli*, yeast, *Streptomyces*, and other commonly used cells are widely known and commercially

20 available. For example, suitable promoters for inclusion in the expression vectors of the invention include those that function in eucaryotic or procaryotic host cells. Promoters can comprise regulatory sequences that allow for regulation of expression relative to the growth of the host cell or that cause the expression of a gene to be turned on or off in response to a chemical or physical stimulus. For *E.*

25 *coli* and certain other bacterial host cells, promoters derived from genes for biosynthetic enzymes, antibiotic-resistance conferring enzymes, and phage proteins can be used and include, for example, the galactose, lactose (*lac*), maltose, tryptophan (*trp*), beta-lactamase (*bla*), bacteriophage lambda PL, and T5 promoters. In addition, synthetic promoters, such as the *tac* promoter (U.S. Patent

30 No. 4,551,433), can also be used.

Thus, recombinant expression vectors contain at least one expression system, which, in turn, is composed of at least a portion of the megalomicin PKS and/or other megalomicin biosynthetic gene coding sequences operably linked to a

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promoter and optionally termination sequences that operate to effect expression of the coding sequence in compatible host cells. The host cells are modified by transformation with the recombinant DNA expression vectors of the invention to contain the expression system sequences either as extrachromosomal elements or

5   integrated into the chromosome. The resulting host cells of the invention are useful in methods to produce PKS and post-PKS modification enzymes as well as polyketides and antibiotics and other useful compounds derived therefrom.

Preferred host cells for purposes of selecting vector components for expression vectors of the present invention include fungal host cells such as yeast

10   and procaryotic host cells such as *E. coli* and *Streptomyces*, but mammalian host cells can also be used. In hosts such as yeasts, plants, or mammalian cells that ordinarily do not produce polyketides, it may be necessary to provide, also typically by recombinant means, suitable holo-ACP synthases to convert the recombinantly produced PKS to functionality. Provision of such enzymes is

15   described, for example, in PCT publication Nos. WO 97/13845 and 98/27203, each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Particularly preferred host cells for purposes of the present invention are *Streptomyces* and *Saccharopolyspora* host cells, as discussed in greater detail below.

In a preferred embodiment, the expression vectors of the invention are

20   used to construct a heterologous recombinant *Streptomyces* host cell that expresses a recombinant PKS of the invention. *Streptomyces* is a convenient host for expressing polyketides, because polyketides are naturally produced in certain *Streptomyces* species, and *Streptomyces* cells generally produce the precursors needed to form the desired polyketide. Those of skill in the art will recognize that,

25   if a *Streptomyces* host cell produces any portion of a PKS enzyme or produces a polyketide modification enzyme, the recombinant vector need drive expression of only those genes constituting the remainder of the desired PKS enzyme or other polyketide-modifying enzymes. Thus, such a vector may comprise only a single ORF, with the desired remainder of the polypeptides constituting the PKS

30   provided by the genes on the host cell chromosomal DNA.

If a *Streptomyces* or other host cell ordinarily produces polyketides, it may be desirable to modify the host so as to prevent the production of endogenous polyketides prior to its use to express a recombinant PKS of the invention. Such

modified hosts include *S. coelicolor* CH999 and similarly modified *S. lividans* described in U.S. Patent No. 5,672,491, and PCT publication Nos. WO 95/08548 and WO 96/40968, incorporated herein by reference. In such hosts, it may not be necessary to provide enzymatic activities for all of the desired post-translational

5　　modifications of the enzymes that make up the recombinantly produced PKS, because the host naturally expresses such enzymes. In particular, these hosts generally contain holo-ACP synthases that provide the phosphopantotheinyl residue needed for functionality of the PKS.

　　　　The invention provides a wide variety of expression vectors for use in

10　　*Streptomyces.* The replicating expression vectors of the present invention include, for example and without limitation, those that comprise an origin of replication from a low copy number vector, such as SCP2* (see Hopwood *et al.*, *Genetic Manipulation of Streptomyces: A Laboratory manual* (The John Innes Foundation, Norwich, U.K., 1985); Lydiate *et al.*, 1985, *Gene 35*: 223-235; and Kieser and

15　　Melton, 1988, *Gene 65*: 83-91, each of which is incorporated herein by reference), SLP1.2 (Thompson *et al.*, 1982, *Gene 20*: 51-62, incorporated herein by reference), and pSG5(ts) (Muth *et al.*, 1989, *Mol. Gen. Genet. 219*: 341-348, and Bierman *et al.*, 1992, *Gene 116*: 43-49, each of which is incorporated herein by reference), or a high copy number vector, such as pIJ101 and pJV1 (see Katz *et*

20　　*al.*, 1983, *J. Gen. Microbiol. 129*: 2703-2714; Vara *et al.*, 1989, *J. Bacteriol. 171*: 5782-5781; and Servin-Gonzalez, 1993, *Plasmid 30*: 131-140, each of which is incorporated herein by reference). For non-replicating and integrating vectors and generally for any vector, it is useful to include at least an *E. coli* origin of replication, such as from pUC, p1P, p1I, and pBR. For phage based vectors, the

25　　phage phiC31 and its derivative KC515 can be employed (see Hopwood *et al.*, *supra*). Also, plasmid pSET152, plasmid pSAM, plasmids pSE101 and pSE211, all of which integrate site-specifically in the chromosomal DNA of *S. lividans*, can be employed for purposes of the present invention.

　　　　The *Streptomyces* recombinant expression vectors of the invention

30　　typically comprise one or more selectable markers, including antibiotic resistance conferring genes selected from the group consisting of the *ermE* (confers resistance to erythromycin and lincomycin), *tsr* (confers resistance to thiostrepton), *aadA* (confers resistance to spectinomycin and streptomycin), *aacC4*

(confers resistance to apramycin, kanamycin, gentamicin, geneticin (G418), and neomycin), *hyg* (confers resistance to hygromycin), and *vph* (confers resistance to viomycin) resistance conferring genes. Alternatively, several polyketides are naturally colored, and this characteristic can provide a built-in marker for

5   identifying cells.

Megalomicins are currently produced only by the relatively genetically intractable host *Micromonospora megalomicinea*. This bacteria has not been commonly used in the fermentation industry for the large-scale production of antibiotics, and methods for high level production of megalomicin and its analogs

10   are needed. In contrast, the streptomycete bacteria have been widely used for almost 50 years and are excellent hosts for production of megalomicin and its analogs. *Streptomyces lividans* and *S. coelicolor* have been developed for the expression of heterologous PKS systems. These organisms can stably maintain cloned heterologous PKS genes, express them at high levels under controlled

15   conditions, and modify the corresponding PKS proteins (e.g., phosphopantotheinylation) so that they are capable of production of the polyketide they encode. Furthermore, these hosts contain the necessary pathways to produce the substrates required for polyketide synthesis; e.g. propionyl-CoA and methylmalonyl-CoA. A wide variety of cloning and expression vectors are

20   available for these hosts, as are methods for the introduction and stable maintenance of large segments of foreign DNA. Relative to *Micromonospora* spp., *S. lividans* and *S. coelicolor* grow well on a number of media and have been adapted for high level production of polyketides in fermentors. If production levels are low, a number of rational approaches are available to improve yield (see

25   Hosted and Baltz, 1996, *Trends Biotechnol. 14*(7):245-50, incorporated herein by reference). Empirical methods to increase the titers of these macrolides, long since proven effective for numerous bacterial polyketides, can also be employed.

Preferred *Streptomyces* host cell/vector combinations of the invention include *S. coelicolor* CH999 and *S. lividans* K4-114 host cells, which have been

30   modified so as not to produce the polyketide actinorhodin, and expression vectors derived from the pRM1 and pRM5 vectors, as described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,830,750 and 6,022,731 and U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/181,833, filed 28 Oct. 1998, each of which is incorporated herein by reference. These vectors are

particularly preferred in that they contain promoters compatible with numerous and diverse *Streptomyces spp.* Particularly useful promoters for *Streptomyces* host cells include those from PKS gene clusters that result in the production of polyketides as secondary metabolites, including promoters from aromatic (Type II)

5   PKS gene clusters. Examples of Type II PKS gene cluster promoters are *act* gene promoters and *tcm* gene promoters; an example of a Type I PKS gene cluster promoter are the promoters of the spiramycin PKS genes and DEBS genes. The present invention also provides the megalomicin biosynthetic gene promoters in recombinant form. These promoters can be used to drive expression of the

10   megalomicin biosynthetic genes or any other coding sequence of interest in host cells in which the promoter functions, particularly *Micromonospora megalomicea* and generally any *Streptomyces* species.

As described above, particularly useful control sequences are those that alone or together with suitable regulatory systems activate expression during

15   transition from growth to stationary phase in the vegetative mycelium. The promoter contained in the aforementioned plasmid pRM5, i.e., the *actI/actIII* promoter pair and the *actII-ORF4* activator gene, is particularly preferred. Other useful *Streptomyces* promoters include without limitation those from the *ermE* gene and the *melC1* gene, which act constitutively, and the *tipA* gene and the *merA*

20   gene, which can be induced at any growth stage. In addition, the T7 RNA polymerase system has been transferred to *Streptomyces* and can be employed in the vectors and host cells of the invention. In this system, the coding sequence for the T7 RNA polymerase is inserted into a neutral site of the chromosome or in a vector under the control of the inducible *merA* promoter, and the gene of interest is

25   placed under the control of the T7 promoter. As noted above, one or more activator genes can also be employed to enhance the activity of a promoter. Activator genes in addition to the *actII-ORF4* gene described above include *dnrI*, *redD*, and *ptpA* genes (see U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/181,833, supra).

To provide a preferred host cell and vector for purposes of the invention,

30   the megalomicin biosynthetic genes are placed on a recombinant expression vector and transferred to the non-macrolide producing hosts *Streptomyces lividans* K4-114 and *S. coelicolor* CH999. Transformation of *S. lividans* K4-114 or *S. coelicolor* CH999 with this expression vector results in a strain which produces

detectable amounts of megalomicin as determined by analysis of extracts by
LC/MS. As noted above, the present invention also provides recombinant DNA
compounds in which the encoded megalomicin module 1 KS domain is
inactivated (the KS1° mutation). The introduction into *Streptomyces lividans* or *S.*

5   *coelicolor* of a recombinant expression vector of the invention that encodes a
megalomicin PKS with a KS1° domain produces a host cell useful for making
polyketides by a process known as diketide feeding. The resulting host cells can be
fed or supplied with N-acylcysteamine thioesters of precursor molecules to
prepare megalomicin derivatives. Such cells of the invention are especially useful

10   in the production of 13-substituted-6-deoxyerythronolide B compounds in
recombinant host cells. Preferred compounds of the invention include those
compounds in which the substituent at the 13-position is propyl, vinyl, propargyl,
other lower alkyl, and substituted alkyl. In a preferred embodiment, the meg PKS
is produced from a recombinant construct in which the *megAIII* gene has been

15   altered to abolish the regions of identical coding sequence it otherwise shares with
the *megAI* gene, or a hybrid PKS is employed in which the *megAIII* gene product
has been replaced by the *oleAIII* gene product. Recombinant oleAIII genes are
described in, for example, PCT patent publication No. 00/026349 and U.S. patent
application Serial No. 09/428,517, filed 28 Oct. 1999, both of which are

20   incorporated herein by reference.

The recombinant host cells of the invention can express all of the
megalomicin biosynthetic genes or only a subset of the same. For example, if only
the genes for the megalomicin PKS are expressed in a host cell that otherwise does
not produce polyketide modifying enzymes that can act on the polyketide

25   produced, then the host cell produces unmodified polyketides, called macrolide
aglycones. Such macrolide aglycones can be hydroxylated and glycosylated by
adding them to the fermentation of a strain such as, for example, *Streptomyces
antibioticus* or *Saccharopolyspora erythraea*, that contains the requisite
modification enzymes.

30   There are a wide variety of diverse organisms that can modify macrolide
aglycones to provide compounds with, or that can be readily modified to have,
useful activities. For example, as shown in Figure 5, *Saccharopolyspora erythraea*
can convert 6-dEB to a variety of useful compounds. The erythronolide 6-dEB is

converted by the *eryF* gene product to erythronolide B, which is, in turn, glycosylated by the *eryBV* gene product to obtain 3-O-mycarosylerythronolide B, which contains L-mycarose at C-3. The *eryCIII* gene product then converts this compound to erythromycin D by glycosylation with D-desosamine at C-5.

5   Erythromycin D, therefore, differs from 6-dEB through glycosylation and by the addition of a hydroxyl group at C-6. Erythromycin D can be converted to erythromycin B in a reaction catalyzed by the *eryG* gene product by methylating the L-mycarose residue at C-3. Erythromcyin D is converted to erythromycin C by the addition of a hydroxyl group at C-12 in a reaction catalyzed by the *eryK* gene

10   product. Erythromycin A is obtained from erythromycin C by methylation of the mycarose residue in a reaction catalyzed by the *eryG* gene product. The unmodified megalomicin compounds provided by the present invention, such as, for example, the 6-dEB or 6-dEB analogs, produced in *Streptomyces lividans*, can be provided to cultures of *S. erythraea* and converted to the corresponding

15   derivatives of erythromycins A, B, C, and D in accordance with the procedure provided in the examples below. To ensure that only the desired compound is produced, one can use an *S. erythraea eryA* mutant that is unable to produce 6-dEB but can still carry out the desired conversions (Weber *et al.*, 1985, *J. Bacteriol. 164*(1): 425-433). Also, one can employ other mutant strains, such as

20   *eryB*, *eryC*, *eryG*, and/or *eryK* mutants, or mutant strains having mutations in multiple genes, to accumulate a preferred compound. The conversion can also be carried out in large fermentors for commercial production.

Moreover, there are other useful organisms that can be employed to hydroxylate and/or glycosylate the compounds of the invention. As described

25   above, the organisms can be mutants unable to produce the polyketide normally produced in that organism, the fermentation can be carried out on plates or in large fermentors, and the compounds produced can be chemically altered after fermentation. Thus, *Streptomyces venezuelae*, which produces picromycin, contains enzymes that can transfer a desosaminyl group to the C-5 hydroxyl and a

30   hydroxyl group to the C-12 position. In addition, *S. venezuelae* contains a glucosylation activity that glucosylates the 2'-hydroxyl group of the desosamine sugar. This latter modification reduces antibiotic activity, but the glucosyl residue is removed by enzymatic action prior to release of the polyketide from the cell.

Another organism, *S. narbonensis*, contains the same modification enzymes as *S. venezuelae*, except the C-12 hydroxylase. Thus, the present invention provides the compounds produced by hydroxylation and glycosylation of the macrolide aglycones of the invention by action of the enzymes endogenous to *S. narbonensis*

5   and *S. venezuelae*.

Other organisms suitable for making compounds of the invention include *Micromonospora megalomicea* (discussed above), *Streptomyces antibioticus*, *S. fradiae*, and *S. thermotolerans*. *S. antibioticus* produces oleandomycin and contains enzymes that hydroxylate the C-6 and C-12 positions, glycosylate the C-3

10 hydroxyl with oleandrose and the C-5 hydroxyl with desosamine, and form an epoxide at C-8-C-8a. *S. fradiae* contains enzymes that glycosylate the C-5 hydroxyl with mycaminose and then the 4'-hydroxyl of mycaminose with mycarose, forming a disaccharide. *S. thermotolerans* contains the same activities as *S. fradiae*, as well as acylation activities. Thus, the present invention provides

15 the compounds produced by hydroxylation and glycosylation of the macrolide aglycones of the invention by action of the enzymes endogenous to *S. antibioticus*, *S. fradiae*, and *S. thermotolerans*.

The present invention also provides methods and genetic constructs for producing the glycosylated and/or hydroxylated compounds of the invention

20 directly in the host cell of interest. Thus, the recombinant genes of the invention, which include recombinant *megAI*, *megAII*, and *megAIII* genes with one or more deletions and/or insertions, including replacements of a *megA* gene fragment with a gene fragment from a heterologous PKS gene (as discussed in the next Section), can be included on expression vectors suitable for expression of the encoded gene

25 products in *Saccharopolyspora erythraea*, *Streptomyces antibioticus*, *S. venezuelae*, *S. narbonensis*, *Micromonospora megalomicea*, *S. fradiae*, and *S. thermotolerans*.

A number of erythromycin high-producing strains of *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* and *Streptomyces fradiae* have been developed, and in a preferred

30 embodiment, the megalomicin PKS and/or other megalomicin biosynthetic genes are introduced into such strains (or erythromycin non-producing mutants thereof) to provide the corresponding modified megalomicin compounds in high yields. Those of skill in the art will appreciate that *S. erythraea* contains the desosamine

and mycarose biosynthetic and transfer genes as well as DEBS, which, as noted above, makes the same macrolide aglycone, 6-dEB, as the megalomicin PKS. *S. erythraea* does not make megosamine or its corresponding transferase gene, and does not contain the acylation gene of *Micromonospora megalomicea*. Finally, the

5   *S. erythraea eryG* gene product converts mycarose to cladinose, which does not occur in *M. megalomicea*. Thus, the present invention provides a wide variety of *S. erythraea* recombinant host cells, including, for example, those that contain:

(i) wild-type erythromycin biosynthetic genes with recombinant megosamine biosynthetic and transfer genes, with and without megalomicin

10   acylation genes;

(ii) wild-type erythromycin biosynthetic genes except *eryG*, with recombinant megosamine biosynthetic and transfer genes, with and without megalomicin acylation genes; and ..:

(iii) as in (i) and (ii), except that the *eryA* genes are inactive or deleted and

15   recombinant *megA* genes have been introduced.

The invention provides other *S. erythraea* strains as well, including those in which any one or more of the erythromycin biosynthetic genes have been deleted or otherwise rendered inactive and in which at least one megalomicin biosynthetic gene has been introduced.

20   For example, the present invention enables one to express the megosamine genes in a *Saccharopolyspora erythraea eryG* mutant in which the erythromycin C made by this mutant is converted to megalomicin A. Alternatively, one could use an erythromycin C high -producing strain of *S. erythraea* in biotransformation methods in which the erythromycin C is fed to a *Streptomyces lividans* strain

25   carrying only the megosamine biosynthesis and glycosyltransferase genes. As another alternative, one could use a strain of *S. lividans* that carries suitable erythromycin production genes along with the daunosamine biosynthesis genes plus *geneX* and *geneY* of Figure 5, or all of the megosamine biosynthesis genes, to produce megalomicin A.

30   All or some of the megalomicin gene cluster can be easily cloned under control of a suitable promoter in pCK7 or pSET152 either in one or two plasmids and introduced into the *Saccharopolyspora erythraea eryG* mutant. The *actII*-ORF4/*actI*p system and the phiC31/*int* system in pSET function well in this

organism (see Rowe *et al.*, 1998, *Gene*, 216:215-23, incorporated herein by reference). Alternatively, the megosamine biosynthesis genes are introduced into *Streptomyces lividans* on the same plasmids and the production of megalomicin A or its precursor mediated by bioconversion, done by feeding erythronolide B, 3-

5   alpha-mycarosylerythronolide B, erythromycin D or erythromycin C to the *S. lividans* strain.

          Lack of adequate resistance to megalomicin A in *S. erythraea* or *S. lividans* is not expected, because both organisms have MLS resistance genes (*ermE* and *mgt/lrm*, respectively), which confer resistance to several 14-membered

10   macrolides (see Cundliffe, 1989, *Annu. Rev. Microbiol. 43*:207-33; Jenkins and Cundliffe, 1991, *Gene 108*:55-62; and Cundliffe, 1992, *Gene, 115*:75-84, each of which is incorporated herein by reference). One can also readily determine the level of resistance of the *S. erythraea eryG* mutant and the *S. lividans* host cells to megalomicin A, both in plate tests and in liquid medium. One can repeat the

15   bioconversion method using an *eryG* mutant of a high erythromycin A producing *S. erythraea* strain (or an *eryB* or *eryC* mutant, as necessary) to determine the level at which megalomicin A can be produced. Furthermore, if experience shows that high level megalomicin A production requires a higher level of resistance to this macrolide than present in *S. erythraea* or *S. lividans*, the necessary megalomicin

20   self-resistance genes will be cloned from *M. megalomicea* and moved into either one of the heterologous hosts. This will be straightforward work since self-resistance genes are usually found in the cluster of macrolide biosynthesis genes and can be identified by their homology to known macrolide resistance genes and(or) by the resistance phenotype they impart to a strain that normally is

25   sensitive.

          Alternatively, *geneX* and *geneY* (Figure 5) can be added to cassettes containing the relevant daunosamine (*dnm*) biosynthesis genes (Figure 5) to provide the ability to make TDP-megosamine *in vivo* and attach it to an erythromycin algycone. The TDP-daunosamine biosynthesis genes can be re-

30   cloned from *Streptomyces peucetius* on two compatible and mutually selectable plasmids. When an *S. lividans* strain containing these two plasmids and the *dnmS* gene for TDP-daunosamine glycosyltransferase is grown in the presence of added epsilon-rhodomycinone, its glycoside with L-daunosamine, called rhodomycin D,

is produced in good yield. Thus, bioconversion of one of the erythromycins to megalomicin A should be observed when *geneX* and *geneY* are present. One can construct all five combination - the two *N*-dimethyltransferase genes and the three glycosyltransferase genes - to discriminate *geneX* and *geneY* from those connected

5   with mycarose and desosamine biosynthesis and attachment in the megalomicin pathway.

Because the timing of megosamine addition is unknown, one can test erythronolide B, 3-alpha-mycarosylerythronolide B, erythromycin D and erythromycin C as substrates provided to a strain that expresses the megosamine

10   biosynthetic and transferase genes. There is need to test the C3''' and(or) C4''' acylated metabolites like megalomicin C1, because these metabolites are made from megalomicin A and not the converse, based on the precedents in the biosynthesis of tylosin (see Arisawa *et al.*, 1994, *Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 60*: 2657-2661), carbomycin (see Epp *et al.*, 1989, *Gene 85*:293-301), and

15   midecamycin (see Hara and Hutchinson, 1992, *J. Bacteriol. 174*, 5141-5144). If C-6 glycosylation of erythronolide B or 3-alpha-mycarosylerythronolide B (Figure 5) happens before addition of desosamine to C-5, then the erythromycin genes might not be able to complete formation of megalomicin A from some mono or diglycoside if the erythromycin glycosyltransferases cannot tolerate a C-6

20   glycoside. Although unexpected, such an outcome could be circumvented in accordance with the methods of the invention by cloning further megalomicin biosynthesis genes into the appropriate *S. erythraea* background or into *S. lividans* – specifically, the necessary deoxysugar biosynthesis and attachment genes – to create a recombinant strain that produces megalomicin A.

25   The acyltransferase gene that adds acetate or propionate to the C3''' or C4''' positions of mycarose in megalomicin B, C1 and C2 (Figure 3) is contained within the cosmids of the invention and can be identified by scanning the sequence data for the megalomicin gene cluster to locate homologs of *carE* and *mdmB* or their *acyA* homologs from the tylosin producer. The *carE* and *acyA* genes govern

30   C4''' acylation in the carbomycin and tylosin pathway, respectively. The megalomicin homolog has the equivalent function in megalomicin biosynthesis (but is specific for C3''' and C4''' acylation). The gene can be cloned under control of a suitable promoter and introduced into *S. lividans* to produce the

desired acyl derivative of megalomicin A. Alternatively, introduction of the *carE* gene can form megalomicin B. This gene can be cloned from the carbomycin, spiramycin or tylosin producers.

If the amount of megalomicin produced by an *S. erythraea* or *S. lividans* or
5   other recombinant host cell is less than desired, yield can be improved by optimizing the growth medium and fermentation conditions, by increasing expression of the gene(s) that appear to be rate limiting, based on the level of pathway intermediates that are accumulated by the recombinant strain constructed, and by reconstructing the *ery*, *dnm*, and megalomicin biosynthesis genes on
10   vectors like pSET152 that can be integrated into the genome to provide a stabler recombinant strain for strain improvement.

In another embodiment, the present invention provides recombinant vectors encoding one or more of the megosamine, desosamine, and mycarose biosynthetic and transfer genes and heterologous host cells comprising those
15   vectors. In this embodiment of the invention, the heterologous host cell is typically a cell that is unable to produce the sugar and transfer it to a polyketide unless the vector of the invention is introduced. For example, neither *Streptomyces lividans* nor *S. coelicolor* is naturally capable of making megosamine, desosamine, or mycarose or transferring those moieties to a polyketide. However, the present
20   invention provides recombinant *Streptomyces lividans* and *S. coelicolor* host cells that are capable of making megosamine, desosamine, and/or mycarose and transferring those moieties to a polyketide.

Moreover, additional recombinant gene products can be expressed in the host cell to improve production of a desired polyketide. As but one non-limiting
25   example, certain of the recombinant PKS proteins of the invention may produce a polyketide other than or in addition to the predicted polyketide, because the polyketide is cleaved from the PKS by the thioesterase (TE) domain in module 6 prior to processing by other domains on the PKS, in particular, any KR, DH, and/or ER domains in module 6. The production of the predicted polyketide can
30   be increased in such instances by deleting the TE domain coding sequences from the gene and, optionally, expressing the TE domain as a separate protein. See Gokhale *et al.*, Feb. 1999, "Mechanism and specificity of the terminal thioesterase

domain from the erythromycin polyketide synthase," *Chem. & Biol. 6*: 117-125, incorporated herein by reference.

Thus, in one important aspect, the present invention provides methods, expression vectors, and recombinant host cells that enable the production of

5   megalomicin and hydroxylated and glycosylated derivatives of megalomicin in heterologous host cells. The present invention also provides methods for making a wide variety of polyketides derived in part from the megalomicin PKS or other biosynthetic genes, as described in the following Section.

10   Section VI: Hybrid PKS Genes

The present invention provides recombinant DNA compounds encoding each of the domains of each of the modules of the megalomicin PKS as well as the other megalomicin biosynthetic enzymes. The availability of these compounds permits their use in recombinant procedures for production of desired portions of

15   the megalomicin PKS fused to or expressed in conjunction with all or a portion of a heterologous PKS and, optionally, one or more polyketide modification enzymes. These compounds also permit the modification of polyketides with the various megalomicin modification enzymes. The resulting hybrid PKS can then be expressed in a host cell to produce a desired polyketide or modified form thereof.

20   Thus, in accordance with the methods of the invention, a portion of the megalomicin biosynthetic gene coding sequence that encodes a particular activity can be isolated and manipulated, for example, to replace the corresponding region in a different modular PKS gene or modification enzyme gene. In addition, coding sequences for individual proteins, modules, domains, and portions thereof of the

25   megalomicin PKS can be ligated into suitable expression systems and used to produce the portion of the protein encoded. The resulting protein can be isolated and purified or can may be employed *in situ* to effect polyketide synthesis. Depending on the host for the recombinant production of the domain, module, protein, or combination of proteins, suitable control sequences such as promoters,

30   termination sequences, enhancers, and the like are ligated to the nucleotide sequence encoding the desired protein in the construction of the expression vector, as described above.

In one important embodiment, the invention thus provides hybrid PKS enzymes and the corresponding recombinant DNA compounds that encode those hybrid PKS enzymes. For purposes of the invention, a hybrid PKS is a recombinant PKS that comprises all or part of one or more extender modules,

5   loading module, and/or thioesterase/cyclase domain of a first PKS and all or part of one or more extender modules, loading module, and/or thioesterase/cyclase domain of a second PKS. In one preferred embodiment, the first PKS is most but not all of the megalomicin PKS, and the second PKS is only a portion of a non-megalomicin PKS. An illustrative example of such a hybrid PKS includes a

10   megalomicin PKS in which the megalomicin PKS loading module has been replaced with a loading module of another PKS. Another example of such a hybrid PKS is a megalomicin PKS in which the AT domain of extender module 3 is replaced with an AT domain that binds only malonyl CoA. In another preferred embodiment, the first PKS is most but not all of a non-megalomicin PKS, and the

15   second PKS is only a portion of the megalomicin PKS. An illustrative example of such a hybrid PKS includes a rapamycin PKS in which an AT specific for malonyl CoA is replaced with the AT from the megalomicin PKS specific for methylmalonyl CoA. Other illustrative hybrid PKSs of the invention are described below.

20   Those of skill in the art will recognize that all or part of either the first or second PKS in a hybrid PKS of the invention need not be isolated from a naturally occurring source. For example, only a small portion of an AT domain determines its specificity. See PCT patent application No. WO US99/15047, and Lau *et al.*, *infra*, incorporated herein by reference. The state of the art in DNA synthesis

25   allows the artisan to construct *de novo* DNA compounds of size sufficient to construct a useful portion of a PKS module or domain. Thus, the desired derivative coding sequences can be synthesized using standard solid phase synthesis methods such as those described by Jaye *et al.*, 1984, *J. Biol. Chem. 259*: 6331, and instruments for automated synthesis are available commercially from,

30   for example, Applied Biosystems, Inc. For purposes of the invention, such synthetic DNA compounds are deemed to be a portion of a PKS.

       With this general background regarding hybrid PKSs of the invention, one can better appreciate the benefit provided by the DNA compounds of the invention

that encode the individual domains, modules, and proteins that comprise the megalomicin PKS. As described above, the megalomicin PKS is comprised of a loading module, six extender modules composed of a KS, AT, ACP, and zero, one, two, or three KR, DH, and ER domains, and a thioesterase domain. The DNA

5   compounds of the invention that encode these domains individually or in combination are useful in the construction of the hybrid PKS encoding DNA compounds of the invention. For example, a DNA compound of the invention that encodes an extender module or portion of an extender module is useful in the construction of a coding sequence that encodes a protein subcomponent of a PKS.

10   The DNA compound of the invention that comprises a coding sequence of a PKS subunit protein is useful in the construction of an expression vector that drives expression of the subunit in a host cell that expresses the other subunits and so produces a functional PKS.

       The recombinant DNA compounds of the invention that encode the

15   loading module of the megalomicin PKS and the corresponding polypeptides encoded thereby are useful for a variety of applications. In one embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes the megalomicin PKS loading module is inserted into a DNA compound that comprises the coding sequence for one or more heterologous PKS extender modules. The resulting

20   construct, in which the coding sequence for the loading module of the heterologous PKS is replaced by that for the coding sequence of the megalomicin PKS loading module provides a novel PKS. Examples include the DEBS, rapamycin, FK-506, FK-520, rifamycin, and avermectin PKS coding sequences. In another embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes the

25   megalomicin PKS loading module is inserted into a DNA compound that comprises the coding sequence for the megalomicin PKS or a recombinant megalomicin PKS that produces a megalomicin derivative.

       In another embodiment, a portion of the loading module coding sequence is utilized in conjuction with a heterologous coding sequence. In this embodiment,

30   the invention provides, for example, replacing the methylmalonyl CoA (propionyl) specific AT with a malonyl CoA (acetyl), ethylmalonyl CoA (butyryl), or other CoA specific AT. In addition, the AT and/or ACP can be replaced by another AT and/or another ACP or an inactivated KS, such as a KS^Q, an AT, and/or another

ACP. The resulting heterologous loading module coding sequence can be utilized in conjunction with a coding sequence for a PKS that synthesizes megalomicin, a megalomicin derivative, or another polyketide.

The recombinant DNA compounds of the invention that encode the first

5   extender module of the megalomicin PKS and the corresponding polypeptides encoded thereby are useful for a variety of applications. In one embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes the megalomicin PKS first extender module is inserted into a DNA compound that comprises the coding sequence for a heterologous PKS. The resulting construct, in which the coding

10   sequence for a module of the heterologous PKS is either replaced by that for the first extender module of the megalomicin PKS or the latter is merely added to coding sequences for modules of the heterologous PKS, provides a novel PKS coding sequence. In another embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes the first extender module of the megalomicin PKS is

15   inserted into a DNA compound that comprises coding sequences for the megalomicin PKS or a recombinant megalomicin PKS that produces a megalomicin derivative.

In another embodiment, a portion or all of the first extender module coding sequence is utilized in conjunction with other PKS coding sequences to create a

20   hybrid module. In this embodiment, the invention provides, for example, replacing the methylmalonyl CoA specific AT with a malonyl CoA, ethylmalonyl CoA, or 2-hydroxymalonyl CoA specific AT; deleting (which includes inactivating) the KR; inserting a DH or a DH and ER; and/or replacing the KR with another KR, a DH and KR, or a DH, KR, and ER. In addition, the KS and/or ACP can be

25   replaced with another KS and/or ACP. In each of these replacements or insertions, the heterologous KS, AT, DH, KR, ER, or ACP coding sequence can originate from a coding sequence for another module of the megalomicin PKS, from a gene for a PKS that produces a polyketide other than megalomicin, or from chemical synthesis. The resulting heterologous first extender module coding sequence can

30   be utilized in conjunction with a coding sequence for a PKS that synthesizes megalomicin, a megalomicin derivative, or another polyketide.

Those of skill in the art will recognize, however, that deletion of the KR domain of extender module 1 or insertion of a DH domain or DH and KR domains

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into extender module 1 will prevent the typical cyclization of the polyketide at the hydroxyl group created by the KR if such hybrid module is employed as a first extender module in a hybrid PKS or is otherwise involved in producing a portion of the polyketide at which cyclization is to occur. Such deletions or insertions can

5   be useful, however, to create linear molecules or to induce cyclization at another. site in the molecule.

As noted above, the invention also provides recombinant PKSs and recombinant DNA compounds and vectors that encode such PKSs in which the KS domain of the first extender module has been inactivated. Such constructs are

10   typically expressed in translational reading frame with the first two extender modules on a single protein, with the remaining modules and domains of a megalomicin, megalomicin derivative, or hybrid PKS expressed as one or more, typically two, proteins to form the multi-protein functional PKS. The utility of these constructs is that host cells expressing, or cell free extracts containing, the

15   PKS encoded thereby can be fed or supplied with N-acylcysteamine thioesters of precursor molecules to prepare megalomicin derivative compounds. See U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/492,733, filed 27 Jan. 2000, and PCT publication Nos. WO 00/44717, 99/03986 and 97/02358, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

20   The recombinant DNA compounds of the invention that encode the second extender module of the megalomicin PKS and the corresponding polypeptides encoded thereby are useful for a variety of applications. In one embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes the megalomicin PKS second extender module is inserted into a DNA compound that comprises the

25   coding sequence for a heterologous PKS. The resulting construct, in which the coding sequence for a module of the heterologous PKS is either replaced by that for the second extender module of the megalomicin PKS or the latter is merely added to coding sequences for the modules of the heterologous PKS, provides a novel PKS. In another embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that

30   encodes the second extender module of the megalomicin PKS is inserted into a DNA compound that comprises the coding sequences for the megalomicin PKS or a recombinant megalomicin PKS that produces a megalomicin derivative.

In another embodiment, a portion or all of the second extender module coding sequence is utilized in conjunction with other PKS coding sequences to create a hybrid module. In this embodiment, the invention provides, for example, replacing the methylmalonyl CoA specific AT with a malonyl CoA, ethylmalonyl

5 CoA, or 2-hydroxymalonyl CoA specific AT; deleting (or inactivating) the KR; replacing the KR with a KR, a KR and a DH, or a KR, DH, and ER; and/or inserting a DH or a DH and an ER. In addition, the KS and/or ACP can be replaced with another KS and/or ACP. In each of these replacements or insertions, the heterologous KS, AT, DH, KR, ER, or ACP coding sequence can originate

10 from a coding sequence for another module of the megalomicin PKS, from a coding sequence for a PKS that produces a polyketide other than megalomicin, or from chemical synthesis. The resulting heterologous second extender module coding sequence can be utilized in conjunction with a coding sequence from a PKS that synthesizes megalomicin, a megalomicin derivative, or another

15 polyketide.

The recombinant DNA compounds of the invention that encode the third extender module of the megalomicin PKS and the corresponding polypeptides encoded thereby are useful for a variety of applications. In one embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes the megalomicin PKS third

20 extender module is inserted into a DNA compound that comprises the coding sequence for a heterologous PKS. The resulting construct, in which the coding sequence for a module of the heterologous PKS is either replaced by that for the third extender module of the megalomicin PKS or the latter is merely added to coding sequences for the modules of the heterologous PKS, provides a novel PKS.

25 In another embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes the third extender module of the megalomicin PKS is inserted into a DNA compound that comprises coding sequences for the megalomicin PKS or a recombinant megalomicin PKS that produces a megalomicin derivative.

In another embodiment, a portion or all of the third extender module

30 coding sequence is utilized in conjunction with other PKS coding sequences to create a hybrid module. In this embodiment, the invention provides, for example, replacing the methylmalonyl CoA specific AT with a malonyl CoA, ethylmalonyl CoA, or 2-hydroxymalonyl CoA specific AT; deleting the inactive KR; and/or

replacing the KR with an active KR, or a KR and DH, or a KR, DH, and ER. In addition, the KS and/or ACP can be replaced with another KS and/or ACP. In each of these replacements or insertions, the heterologous KS, AT, DH, KR, ER, or ACP coding sequence can originate from a coding sequence for another module

5   of the megalomicin PKS, from a gene for a PKS that produces a polyketide other than megalomicin, or from chemical synthesis. The resulting heterologous third extender module coding sequence can be utilized in conjunction with a coding sequence for a PKS that synthesizes megalomicin, a megalomicin derivative, or another polyketide.

10   The recombinant DNA compounds of the invention that encode the fourth extender module of the megalomicin PKS and the corresponding polypeptides encoded thereby are useful for a variety of applications. In one embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes the megalomicin PKS fourth extender module is inserted into a DNA compound that comprises the coding

15 sequence for a heterologous PKS. The resulting construct, in which the coding sequence for a module of the heterologous PKS is either replaced by that for the fourth extender module of the megalomicin PKS or the latter is merely added to coding sequences for the modules of the heterologous PKS, provides a novel PKS. In another embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes

20 the fourth extender module of the megalomicin PKS is inserted into a DNA compound that comprises coding sequences for the megalomicin PKS or a recombinant megalomicin PKS that produces a megalomicin derivative.

In another embodiment, a portion of the fourth extender module coding sequence is utilized in conjunction with other PKS coding sequences to create a

25 hybrid module. In this embodiment, the invention provides, for example, replacing the methylmalonyl CoA specific AT with a malonyl CoA, ethylmalonyl CoA, or 2-hydroxymalonyl CoA specific AT; deleting or inactivating any one, two, or all three of the ER, DH, and KR; and/or replacing any one, two, or all three of the ER, DH, and KR with either a KR, a DH and KR, or a KR, DH, and ER. In addition,

30 the KS and/or ACP can be replaced with another KS and/or ACP. In each of these replacements or insertions, the heterologous KS, AT, DH, KR, ER, or ACP coding sequence can originate from a coding sequence for another module of the megalomicin PKS (except for the DH and ER domains), from a coding sequence

for a PKS that produces a polyketide other than megalomicin, or from chemical synthesis. The resulting heterologous fourth extender module coding sequence can be utilized in conjunction with a coding sequence for a PKS that synthesizes megalomicin, a megalomicin derivative, or another polyketide.

5   The recombinant DNA compounds of the invention that encode the fifth extender module of the megalomicin PKS and the corresponding polypeptides encoded thereby are useful for a variety of applications. In one embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes the megalomicin PKS fifth extender module is inserted into a DNA compound that comprises the coding

10   sequence for a heterologous PKS. The resulting construct, in which the coding sequence for a module of the heterologous PKS is either replaced by that for the fifth extender module of the megalomicin PKS or the latter is merely added to coding sequences for the modules of the heterologous PKS, provides a novel PKS. In another embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes

15   the fifth extender module of the megalomicin PKS is inserted into a DNA compound that comprises the coding sequence for the megalomicin PKS or a recombinant megalomicin PKS that produces a megalomicin derivative.

       In another embodiment, a portion or all of the fifth extender module coding sequence is utilized in conjunction with other PKS coding sequences to

20   create a hybrid module. In this embodiment, the invention provides, for example, replacing the methylmalonyl CoA specific AT with a malonyl CoA, ethylmalonyl CoA, or 2-hydroxymalonyl CoA specific AT; deleting (or inactivating) the KR; inserting a DH or a DH and ER; and/or replacing the KR with another KR, a DH and KR, or a DH, KR, and ER. In addition, the KS and/or ACP can be replaced

25   with another KS and/or ACP. In each of these replacements or insertions, the heterologous KS, AT, DH, KR, ER, or ACP coding sequence can originate from a coding sequence for another module of the megalomicin PKS, from a coding sequence for a PKS that produces a polyketide other than megalomicin, or from chemical synthesis. The resulting heterologous fifth extender module coding

30   sequence can be utilized in conjunction with a coding sequence for a PKS that synthesizes megalomicin, a megalomicin derivative, or another polyketide.

       The recombinant DNA compounds of the invention that encode the sixth extender module of the megalomicin PKS and the corresponding polypeptides

encoded thereby are useful for a variety of applications. In one embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes the megalomicin PKS sixth extender module is inserted into a DNA compound that comprises the coding sequence for a heterologous PKS. The resulting construct, in which the coding

5 sequence for a module of the heterologous PKS is either replaced by that for the sixth extender module of the megalomicin PKS or the latter is merely added to coding sequences for the modules of the heterologous PKS, provides a novel PKS. In another embodiment, a DNA compound comprising a sequence that encodes the sixth extender module of the megalomicin PKS is inserted into a DNA

10 compound that comprises the coding sequences for the megalomicin PKS or a recombinant megalomicin PKS that produces a megalomicin derivative.

In another embodiment, a portion or all of the sixth extender module coding sequence is utilized in conjunction with other PKS coding sequences to create a hybrid module. In this embodiment, the invention provides, for example,

15 replacing the methylmalonyl CoA specific AT with a malonyl CoA, ethylmalonyl CoA, or 2-hydroxymalonyl CoA specific AT; deleting or inactivating the KR or replacing the KR with another KR, a KR and DH, or a KR, DH, and an ER; and/or inserting a DH or a DH and ER. In addition, the KS and/or ACP can be replaced with another KS and/or ACP. In each of these replacements or insertions, the

20 heterologous KS, AT, DH, KR, ER, or ACP coding sequence can originate from a coding sequence for another module of the megalomicin PKS, from a coding sequence for a PKS that produces a polyketide other than megalomicin, or from chemical synthesis. The resulting heterologous sixth extender module coding sequence can be utilized in conjunction with a coding sequence for a PKS that

25 synthesizes megalomicin, a megalomicin derivative, or another polyketide.

The sixth extender module of the megalomicin PKS is followed by a thioesterase domain. This domain is important in the cyclization of the polyketide and its cleavage from the PKS. The present invention provides recombinant DNA compounds that encode hybrid PKS enzymes in which the megalomicin PKS is

30 fused to a heterologous thioesterase or a heterologous PKS is fused to the megalomicin PKS thioesterase. Thus, for example, a thioesterase domain coding sequence from another PKS gene can be inserted at the end of the sixth (or other final) extender module coding sequence in recombinant DNA compounds of the

invention or the megalomicin PKS thioesterase can be similarly fused to a

heterologous PKS. Recombinant DNA compounds encoding this thioesterase

domain are useful in constructing DNA compounds that encode the megalomicin

PKS, a PKS that produces a megalomicin derivative, and a PKS that produces a

5   polyketide other than megalomicin or a megalomicin derivative.

Thus, the hybrid modules of the invention are incorporated into a PKS to

provide a hybrid PKS of the invention. A hybrid PKS of the invention can result

not only:

(i) from fusions of heterologous domain (where heterologous means the

10   domains in a module are derived from at least two different naturally occurring

modules) coding sequences to produce a hybrid module coding sequence

contained in a PKS gene whose product is incorporated into a PKS,

but also:

(ii) from fusions of heterologous modules (where heterologous module

15   · means two modules are adjacent to one another that are not adjacent to one

another in naturally occurring PKS enzymes) coding sequences to produce a

hybrid coding sequence contained in a PKS gene whose product is incorporated

into a PKS,

(iii) from expression of one or more megalomicin PKS genes with one or

20   more non-megalomicin PKS genes, including both naturally occurring and

recombinant non-megalomicin PKS genes, and

(iv) from combinations of the foregoing.

Various hybrid PKSs of the invention illustrating these various alternatives are

described herein.

25 ·   An example of a hybrid PKS comprising fused modules results from

fusion of the loading module of either the DEBS PKS or the narbonolide PKS (see

PCT patent application No. US99/11814, incorporated herein by reference) with

extender modules 1 and 2 of the megalomicin PKS to produce a hybrid *megAI*

gene. Co-expression of either one of these two hybrid *megAI* genes with the

30   *megAII* and meg*AIII* genes in suitable host cells, such as *Streptomcyes lividans*,

results in expression of a hybrid PKS of the invention that produces 6-

deoxyerythronolide B (the polyketide product of the natural *megA* genes) in

recombinant host cells. Co-expression of either one of these two hybrid *megAI*

genes with the *eryAII* and *eryAIII* genes similarly results in the production of 6-dEB, while co-expression with the analogous narbonolide PKS genes, *picAII*, *picAIII* and *picAIV*, results in the production of 3-deoxy-3-oxo-6-dEB (3-keto-6-dEB), useful in the production of ketolides, compounds with potent anti-bacterial

5   activity.

Another example of a hybrid PKS comprising a hybrid module is prepared by co-expressing the *megAI* and *megAII* genes with a *megAIII* hybrid gene encoding extender module 5 and the KS and AT of extender module 6 of the megalomicin PKS fused to the ACP of module 6 and the TE of the narbonolide

10   PKS. The resulting hybrid PKS of the invention produces 3-keto-6-dEB. This compound can also be prepared by a recombinant megalomicin derivative PKS of the invention in which the KR domain of module 6 of the megalomicin PKS has been deleted. Moreover, the invention provides hybrid PKSs in which not only the above changes have been made but also the AT domain of module 6 has been

15   replaced with a malonyl-specific AT. These hybrid PKSs produce 2-desmethyl-3-deoxy-3-oxo-6-dEB, a useful intermediate in the preparation of 2-desmethyl ketolides, compounds with potent antibiotic activity.

Another illustrative example of a hybrid PKS includes the hybrid PKS of the invention resulting only from the latter change in the hybrid PKS just

20   described. Thus, co-expression of the *megAI* and *megAII* genes with a hybrid *megAIII* gene in which the AT domain of module 6 has been replaced by a malonyl-specific AT results in the expression of a hybrid PKS that produces 2-desmethyl-6-dEB in recombinant host cells. This compound is a useful intermediate for making 2-desmethyl erythromycins in recombinant host cells of

25   the invention, as well as for making 2-desmethyl semi-synthetic ketolides.

While many of the hybrid PKSs described above are composed primarily of megalomicin PKS proteins, those of skill in the art recognize that the present invention provides many different hybrid PKSs, including those composed of only a small portion of the megalomicin PKS. For example, the present invention

30   provides a hybrid PKS in which a hybrid *eryAI* gene that encodes the megalomicin PKS loading module fused to extender modules 1 and 2 of DEBS is coexpressed with the *eryAII* and *eryAIII* genes. The resulting hybrid PKS produces 6-dEB, the product of the native DEBS. When the construct is expressed in

Saccharopolyspora erythraea host cells (either via chromosomal integration in the
chromosome or via a vector that encodes the hybrid PKS), the resulting
recombinant host cell of the invention produces erythromycins. Another
illustrative example is the hybrid PKS of the invention composed of the *megAI*

5   and *eryAII* and *eryAIII* gene products. This construct is also useful in expressing
erythromycins in *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* host cells. In a preferred
embodiment, the *S. erythraea* host cells are *eryAI* mutants that do not produce 6-
deoxyerythronolide B.

        Another example is the hybrid PKS of the invention composed of the

10   products of the *picAI* and *picAII* genes (the two proteins that comprise the loading
module and extender modules 1 - 4, inclusive, of the narbonolide PKS) and the
megAIII gene. The resulting hybrid PKS produces the macrolide aglycone 3-
hydroxy-narbonolide in *Streptomyces lividans* host cells and the corresponding
erythromycins in *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* host cells.

15   Each of the foregoing hybrid PKS enzymes of the invention, and the hybrid
PKS enzymes of the invention generally, can be expressed in a host cell that also
expresses a functional *oleP* gene product. The *oleP* gene encodes an oleandomycin
modification enzyme, and expression of the gene together with a hybrid PKS of
the invention provides the compounds of the invention in which a C-8 hydroxyl, a

20   C-8a or C-8-C-8a epoxide is present.

               Recombinant methods for manipulating modular PKS genes to make
hybrid PKS enzymes are described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,672,491; 5,843,718;
5,830,750; and 5,712,146; and in PCT publication Nos. 98/49315 and 97/02358,
each of which is incorporated herein by reference. A number of genetic

25   engineering strategies have been used with DEBS to demonstrate that the
structures of polyketides can be manipulated to produce novel natural products,
primarily analogs of the erythromycins (see the patent publications referenced
supra and Hutchinson, 1998, *Curr Opin Microbiol. 1*:319-329, and Baltz, 1998,
Trends Microbiol. 6:76-83, incorporated herein by reference). Because of the

30   similar activity of the megalomicin PKS and DEBS (both PKS enzymes produce
the macrolide aglycone 6-dEB), these methods can be readily applied to the
recombinant megalomicin PKS genes of the invention.

These techniques include: (i) deletion or insertion of modules to control chain length, (ii) inactivation of reduction/dehydration domains to bypass beta-carbon processing steps, (iii) substitution of AT domains to alter starter and extender units, (iv) addition of reduction/dehydration domains to introduce

5   catalytic activities, and (v) substitution of ketoreductase KR domains to control hydroxyl stereochemistry. In addition, engineered blocked mutants of DEBS have been used for precursor directed biosynthesis of analogs that incorporate synthetically derived starter units. For example, more than 100 novel polyketides were produced by engineering single and combinatorial changes in multiple

10 modules of DEBS. Hybrid PKS enzymes based on DEBS with up to three catalytic domain substitutions were constructed by cassette mutagenesis, in which various DEBS domains were replaced with domains from the rapamycin PKS (see Schweke *et al.*, 1995, *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA 92*, 7839-7843, incorporated herein by reference) or one more of the DEBS KR domains was deleted.

15 Functional single domain replacements or deletions were combined to generate DEBS enzymes with double and triple catalytic domain substitutions (see McDaniel *et al.*, 1999, *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA 96*, 1846-1851, incorporated herein by reference). By providing the analogous megalomicin/rapamycin hybrid PKS enzymes, the present invention provides alternative means to make these

20 polyketides.

Methods for generating libraries of polyketides have been greatly improved by cloning PKS genes as a set of three or more mutually selectable plasmids, each carrying a different wild-type or mutant PKS gene, then introducing all possible combinations of the plasmids with wild-type, mutant, and hybrid PKS coding

25 sequences into the same host (see U.S. patent application Serial No. 60/129,731, filed 16 Apr. 1999, and PCT Pub. No. 98/27203, each of which is incorporated herein by reference). This method can also incorporate the use of a KS1° mutant, which by mutational biosynthesis can produce polyketides made from diketide starter units (see Jacobsen *et al.*, 1997, *Science 277*, 367-369, incorporated herein

30 by reference), as well as the use of a truncated gene that leads to 12-membered macrolides or an elongated gene that leads to 16-membered ketolides. Moreover, by utilizing in addition one or more vectors that encode glycosyl biosynthesis and transfer genes, such as those of the present invention for megosamine,

desosamine, oleandrose, cladinose, and/or mycarose (in any combination), a large collection of glycosylated polyketides can be prepared.

The following Table lists references describing illustrative PKS genes and corresponding enzymes that can be utilized in the construction of the recombinant

5   hybrid PKSs and the corresponding DNA compounds that encode them of the invention. Also presented are various references describing tailoring enzymes and corresponding genes that can be employed in accordance with the methods of the invention.

Avermectin

10   U.S. Pat. No. 5,252,474 to Merck.

MacNeil *et al.*, 1993, Industrial Microorganisms: Basic and Applied Molecular Genetics, Baltz, Hegeman, & Skatrud, eds. (ASM), pp. 245-256, A Comparison of the Genes Encoding the Polyketide Synthases for Avermectin, Erythromycin, and Nemadectin.

15   MacNeil *et al.*, 1992, *Gene 115*: 119-125, Complex Organization of the *Streptomyces avermitilis* genes encoding the avermectin polyketide synthase.

Candicidin (FR008)

Hu *et al.*, 1994, *Mol. Microbiol.* 14: 163-172.

Epothilone

20   PCT Pub. No. 00/031247 to Kosan.

Erythromycin

PCT Pub. No. 93/13663 to Abbott.

US Pat. No. 5,824,513 to Abbott.

Donadio *et al.*, 1991, *Science 252*:675-9.

25   Cortes *et al.*, 8 Nov. 1990, *Nature 348*:176-8, An unusually large multifunctional polypeptide in the erythromycin producing polyketide synthase of *Saccharopolyspora erythraea*.

Glycosylation Enzymes

PCT Pub. No. 97/23630 to Abbott.

30   **FK-506**

Motamedi *et al.*, 1998, The biosynthetic gene cluster for the macrolactone ring of the immunosuppressant FK506, *Eur. J. biochem. 256*: 528-534.

Motamedi *et al.*, 1997, Structural organization of a multifunctional

polyketide synthase involved in the biosynthesis of the macrolide

immunosuppressant FK506, *Eur. J. Biochem. 244*: 74-80.

Methyltransferase

5   US 5,264,355, issued 23 Nov. 1993, Methylating enzyme from

Streptomyces MA6858. 31-O-desmethyl-FK506 methyltransferase.

Motamedi *et al.*, 1996, Characterization of methyltransferase and

hydroxylase genes involved in the biosynthesis of the immunosuppressants FK506

and FK520, *J. Bacteriol. 178*: 5243-5248.

10   **FK-520**

PCT Pub. No. 00/20601 to Kosan.

See also Nielsen *et al.*, 1991, *Biochem. 30*:5789-96 (enzymology of

pipecolate incorporation).

Lovastatin

15   U.S. Pat. No. 5,744,350 to Merck.

Narbomycin (and Picromycin)

PCT Pub. No. WO US99/61599 to Kosan.

Nemadectin

MacNeil *et al.*, 1993, *supra*.

20   **Niddamycin**

Kakavas *et al.*, 1997, Identification and characterization of the niddamycin

polyketide synthase genes from *Streptomyces caelestis, J. Bacteriol. 179*: 7515-

7522.

Oleandomycin

25   Swan *et al.*, 1994, Characterization of a *Streptomyces antibioticus* gene

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As the above Table illustrates, there are a wide variety of PKS genes that serve as

readily available sources of DNA and sequence information for use in constructing

the hybrid PKS-encoding DNA compounds of the invention.

In constructing hybrid PKSs of the invention, certain general methods may
be helpful. For example, it is often beneficial to retain the framework of the
module to be altered to make the hybrid PKS. Thus, if one desires to add DH and
ER functionalities to a module, it is often preferred to replace the KR domain of

5   the original module with a cognate KR, DH, and ER domain-containing segment
from another module, instead of merely inserting DH and ER domains. One can
alter the stereochemical specificity of a module by replacement of the KS domain
with a KS domain from a module that specifies a different stereochemistry. See
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10   polyketide synthases in the choice and stereochemical fate of extender units"
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specificity of an AT domain by changing only a small segment of the domain. See
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proteins to link modules from two different PKSs to create a hybrid PKS. See

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herein by reference.

The hybrid PKS-encoding DNA compounds of the invention can be and
often are hybrids of more than two PKS genes. Even where only two genes are

20   used, there are often two or more modules in the hybrid gene in which all or part
of the module is derived from a second (or third) PKS gene. Thus, as one
illustrative example, the invention provides a hybrid PKS that contains the
naturally occurring loading module and thioesterase domain as well as extender
modules one, two, four, and six of the megalomicin PKS and further contains

25   hybrid or heterologous extender modules three and five. Hybrid or heterologous
extender modules three and five contain AT domains specific for malonyl CoA
and derived from, for example, the rapamycin PKS genes.

The invention also provides libraries of PKS genes, PKS proteins, and
ultimately, of polyketides, that are constructed by generating modifications in the

30   megalomicin PKS so that the protein complexes produced have altered activities
in one or more respects and thus produce polyketides other than the natural
product of the PKS. Novel polyketides may thus be prepared, or polyketides in
general prepared more readily, using this method. By providing a large number of

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different genes or gene clusters derived from a naturally occurring PKS gene cluster, each of which has been modified in a different way from the native cluster, an effectively combinatorial library of polyketides can be produced as a result of the multiple variations in these activities. As will be further described below, the
5   metes and bounds of this embodiment of the invention can be described on the polyketide, protein, and the encoding nucleotide sequence levels.

       As described above, a modular PKS "derived from" the megalomicin or other naturally occurring PKS includes a modular PKS (or its corresponding encoding gene(s)) that retains the scaffolding of the utilized portion of the
10   naturally occurring gene. Not all modules need be included in the constructs; however, the constructs can also comprise more than six modules. On the constant scaffold, at least one enzymatic activity is mutated, deleted, replaced, or inserted so as to alter the activity of the resulting PKS relative to the original (native) PKS. Alteration results when these activities are deleted or are replaced by a different
15   version of the activity, or simply mutated in such a way that a polyketide other than the natural product results from these collective activities. This occurs because there has been a resulting alteration of the starter unit and/or extender unit, stereochemistry, chain length or cyclization, and/or reductive or dehydration cycle outcome at a corresponding position in the product polyketide. Where a
20   deleted activity is replaced, the origin of the replacement activity may come from a corresponding activity in a different naturally occurring PKS or from a different region of the megalomicin PKS. Any or all of the megalomicin PKS genes may be included in the derivative or portions of any of these may be included, but the scaffolding of a functional PKS protein is retained in whatever derivative is
25   constructed. The derivative preferably contains a thioesterase activity from the megalomicin or another PKS.

       Thus, a PKS derived from the megalomicin PKS includes a PKS that contains the scaffolding of all or a portion of the megalomicin PKS. The derived PKS also contains at least two extender modules that are functional, preferably
30   three extender modules, and more preferably four or more extender modules, and most preferably six extender modules. The derived PKS also contains mutations, deletions, insertions, or replacements of one or more of the activities of the functional modules of the megalomicin PKS so that the nature of the resulting

polyketide is altered at both the protein and DNA sequence levels. Particular preferred embodiments include those wherein a KS, AT, or ACP domain has been deleted or replaced by a version of the activity from a different PKS or from another location within the same PKS. Also preferred are derivatives where at

5 least one non-condensation cycle enzymatic activity (KR, DH, or ER) has been deleted or added or wherein any of these activities has been mutated so as to change the structure of the polyketide synthesized by the PKS.

Conversely, also included within the definition of a PKS derived from the megalomicin PKS are functional non-megalomicin PKS modules or their

10 encoding genes wherein at least one domain or coding sequence therefor of a megalomicin PKS module has been inserted. Exemplary is the use of the megalomicin AT for extender module 2, which accepts a methylmalonyl CoA extender unit rather than malonyl CoA, to replace a malonyl specific AT in another PKS. Other examples include insertion of portions of non-condensation

15 cycle enzymatic activities or other regions of megalomicin synthase activity into a heterologous PKS at both the DNA and protein levels.

Thus, there are at least five degrees of freedom for constructing a hybrid PKS in terms of the polyketide that will be produced. First, the polyketide chain length is determined by the number of extender modules in the PKS, and the

20 present invention includes hybrid PKSs that contain 6, as wells as fewer or more than 6, extender modules. Second, the nature of the carbon skeleton of the PKS is determined by the specificities of the acyl transferases that determine the nature of the extender units at each position, e.g., malonyl, methylmalonyl, ethylmalonyl, or other substituted malonyl. Third, the loading module specificity also has an effect

25 on the resulting carbon skeleton of the polyketide. The loading module may use a different starter unit, such as acetyl, butyryl, and the like. As noted above, another method for varying loading module specificity involves inactivating the KS activity in extender module 1 (KS1) and providing alternative substrates, called diketides, that are chemically synthesized analogs of extender module 1 diketide

30 products, for extender module 2. This approach was illustrated in PCT publication Nos. 97/02358 and 99/03986, incorporated herein by reference, wherein the KS1 activity was inactivated through mutation. Fourth, the oxidation state at various positions of the polyketide will be determined by the dehydratase and reductase

portions of the modules. This will determine the presence and location of ketone

and alcohol moieties and C-C double bonds or C-C single bonds in the polyketide.

Finally, the stereochemistry of the resulting polyketide is a function of

three aspects of the synthase. The first aspect is related to the AT/KS specificity

5   associated with substituted malonyls as extender units, which affects

stereochemistry only when the reductive cycle is missing or when it contains only .

a ketoreductase, as the dehydratase would abolish chirality. Second, the specificity

of the ketoreductase may determine the chirality of any beta-OH. Finally, the

enoylreductase specificity for substituted malonyls as extender units may influence

10   the stereochemistry when there is a complete KR/DH/ER available.

Thus, the modular PKS systems generally and the megalomicin PKS

system particularly permit a wide range of polyketides to be synthesized. As

·compared to the aromatic PKS systems, the modular PKS systems accept a wider

range of starter units, including aliphatic monomers (acetyl, propionyl, butyryl,

15 .   isovaleryl, and the like.), aromatics (aminohydroxybenzoyl), alicyclics

(cyclohexanoyl), and heterocyclics (thiazolyl). Certain modular PKSs have relaxed

specificity for their starter units (Kao et al., 1994, Science, supra). Modular PKSs

also exhibit considerable variety with regard to the choice of extender units in

each condensation cycle. The degree of beta-ketoreduction following a

20   condensation reaction can be altered by genetic manipulation (Donadio et al.,

1991, Science, supra; Donadio et al., 1993, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 90: 7119-

7123). Likewise, the size of the polyketide product can be varied by designing

mutants with the appropriate number of modules (Kao et al., 1994, J. Am. Chem.

Soc. 116:11612-11613). Lastly, modular PKS enzymes are particularly well

25   known for generating an impressive range of asymmetric centers in their products

in a highly controlled manner. The polyketides, antibiotics, and other compounds

produced by the methods of the invention are typically single stereoisomeric

·forms. Although the compounds of the invention can occur as mixtures of

stereoisomers, it may be beneficial in some instances to generate individual

30   stereoisomers. Thus, the combinatorial potential within modular PKS pathways

based on any naturally occurring modular, such as the megalomicin, PKS scaffold

is virtually unlimited.

While hybrid PKSs are most often produced by "mixing and matching" portions of PKS coding sequences, mutations in DNA encoding a PKS can also be used to introduce, alter, or delete an activity in the encoded polypeptide. Mutations can be made to the native sequences using conventional techniques. The substrates

5   for mutation can be an entire cluster of genes or only one or two of them; the substrate for mutation may also be portions of one or more of these genes. Techniques for mutation include preparing synthetic oligonucleotides including the mutations and inserting the mutated sequence into the gene encoding a PKS subunit using restriction endonuclease digestion. See, *e.g.*, Kunkel, 1985, *Proc.*

10   *Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 82*: 448; Geisselsoder *et al.*, 1987, *BioTechniques 5*:786. Alternatively, the mutations can be effected using a mismatched primer (generally 10-20 nucleotides in length) that hybridizes to the native nucleotide sequence, at a

ᵖˢ·   temperature below the melting temperature of the mismatched duplex. The primer can be made specific by keeping primer length and base composition within

15   relatively narrow limits and by keeping the mutant base centrally located. See Zoller and Smith, 1983, *Methods Enzymol. 100*:468. Primer extension is effected using DNA polymerase, the product cloned, and clones containing the mutated DNA, derived by segregation of the primer extended strand, selected. Identification can be accomplished using the mutant primer as a hybridization

20   probe. The technique is also applicable for generating multiple point mutations. *See, e.g.*, Dalbie-McFarland *et al.*, 1982, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 79*: 6409. PCR mutagenesis can also be used to effect the desired mutations.

Random mutagenesis of selected portions of the nucleotide sequences encoding enzymatic activities can also be accomplished by several different

25   techniques known in the art, e.g., by inserting an oligonucleotide linker randomly into a plasmid, by irradiation with X-rays or ultraviolet light, by incorporating incorrect nucleotides during *in vitro* DNA synthesis, by error-prone PCR mutagenesis, by preparing synthetic mutants, or by damaging plasmid DNA *in vitro* with chemicals, in accordance with the methods of the present invention.

30   Chemical mutagens include, for example, sodium bisulfite, nitrous acid, nitrosoguanidine, hydroxylamine, agents which damage or remove bases thereby preventing normal base-pairing such as hydrazine or formic acid, analogues of nucleotide precursors such as 5-bromouracil, 2-aminopurine, or acridine

intercalating agents such as proflavine, acriflavine, quinacrine, and the like. Generally, plasmid DNA or DNA fragments are treated with chemical mutagens, transformed into *E. coli* and propagated as a pool or library of mutant plasmids.

In constructing a hybrid PKS of the invention, regions encoding enzymatic

5   activity, i.e., regions encoding corresponding activities from different PKS synthases or from different locations in the same PKS, can be recovered, for example, using PCR techniques with appropriate primers. By "corresponding" activity encoding regions is meant those regions encoding the same general type of activity. For example, a KR activity encoded at one location of a gene cluster

10   "corresponds" to a KR encoding activity in another location in the gene cluster or in a different gene cluster. Similarly, a complete reductase cycle could be considered corresponding. For example, KR/DH/ER can correspond to a KR alone.

If replacement of a particular target region in a host PKS is to be made,

15   this replacement can be conducted *in vitro* using suitable restriction enzymes. The replacement can also be effected *in vivo* using recombinant techniques involving homologous sequences framing the replacement gene in a donor plasmid and a receptor region in a recipient plasmid. Such systems, advantageously involving plasmids of differing temperature sensitivities are described, for example, in PCT

20   publication No. WO 96/40968, incorporated herein by reference. The vectors used to perform the various operations to replace the enzymatic activity in the host PKS genes or to support mutations in these regions of the host PKS genes can be chosen to contain control sequences operably linked to the resulting coding sequences in a manner such that expression of the coding sequences can be

25   effected in an appropriate host.

However, simple cloning vectors may be used as well. If the cloning vectors employed to obtain PKS genes encoding derived PKS lack control sequences for expression operably linked to the encoding nucleotide sequences, the nucleotide sequences are inserted into appropriate expression vectors. This

30   need not be done individually, but a pool of isolated encoding nucleotide sequences can be inserted into expression vectors, the resulting vectors transformed or transfected into host cells, and the resulting cells plated out into individual colonies. The invention provides a variety of recombinant DNA

compounds in which the various coding sequences for the domains and modules of the megalomicin PKS are flanked by non-naturally occurring restriction enzyme recognition sites.

5   The various PKS nucleotide sequences can be cloned into one or more recombinant vectors as individual cassettes, with separate control elements, or under the control of, e.g., a single promoter. The PKS subunit encoding regions can include flanking restriction sites to allow for the easy deletion and insertion of other PKS subunit encoding sequences so that hybrid PKSs can be generated. The design of such unique restriction sites is known to those of skill in the art and can

10 be accomplished using the techniques described above, such as site-directed mutagenesis and PCR.

The expression vectors containing nucleotide sequences encoding a variety of PKS enzymes for the production of different polyketides are then transformed into the appropriate host cells to construct the library. In one straightforward

15 approach, a mixture of such vectors is transformed into the selected host cells and the resulting cells plated into individual colonies and selected to identify successful transformants. Each individual colony has the ability to produce a particular PKS synthase and ultimately a particular polyketide. Typically, there will be duplications in some, most, or all of the colonies; the subset of the

20 transformed colonies that contains a different PKS in each member colony can be considered the library. Alternatively, the expression vectors can be used individually to transform hosts, which transformed hosts are then assembled into a library. A variety of strategies are available to obtain a multiplicity of colonies each containing a PKS gene cluster derived from the naturally occurring host gene

25 cluster so that each colony in the library produces a different PKS and ultimately a different polyketide. The number of different polyketides that are produced by the library is typically at least four, more typically at least ten, and preferably at least 20, and more preferably at least 50, reflecting similar numbers of different altered PKS gene clusters and PKS gene products. The number of members in the library

30 is arbitrarily chosen; however, the degrees of freedom outlined above with respect to the variation of starter, extender units, stereochemistry, oxidation state, and chain length enables the production of quite large libraries.

Methods for introducing the recombinant vectors of the invention into

suitable hosts are known to those of skill in the art and typically include the use of

CaCl₂ or agents such as other divalent cations, lipofection, DMSO, protoplast

transformation, conjugation, infection, transfection, and electroporation. The

5   polyketide producing colonies can be identified and isolated using known

techniques and the produced polyketides further characterized. The polyketides

produced by these colonies can be used collectively in a panel to represent a

library or may be assessed individually for activity.

The libraries of the invention can thus be considered at four levels: (1) a

10   multiplicity of colonies each with a different PKS encoding sequence; (2) the

proteins produced from the coding sequences; (3) the polyketides produced from

the proteins assembled into a functional PKS; and (4) antibiotics or compounds

with other desired activities derived from the polyketides. Of course, combination

libraries can also be constructed wherein members of a library derived, for

15   example, from the megalomicin PKS can be considered as a part of the same

library as those derived from, for example, the rapamycin PKS or DEBS.

Colonies in the library are induced to produce the relevant synthases and

thus to produce the relevant polyketides to obtain a library of polyketides. The

polyketides secreted into the media can be screened for binding to desired targets,

20   such as receptors, signaling proteins, and the like. The supernatants *per se* can be

used for screening, or partial or complete purification of the polyketides can first

be effected. Typically, such screening methods involve detecting the binding of

each member of the library to receptor or other target ligand. Binding can be

detected either directly or through a competition assay. Means to screen such

25   libraries for binding are well known in the art and can be applied in accordance

with the methods of the present invention. Alternatively, individual polyketide

members of the library can be tested against a desired target. In this event, screens

wherein the biological response of the target is measured can more readily be

included. Antibiotic activity can be verified using typical screening assays such as

30   those set forth in Lehrer *et al.*, 1991, *J. Immunol. Meth. 137*:167-173, incorporated

herein by reference, and in the Examples below.

The invention provides methods for the preparation of a large number of

polyketides. These polyketides are useful intermediates in formation of

compounds with antibiotic or other activity through hydroxylation, epoxidation, and glycosylation reactions as described above. In general, the polyketide products of the PKS must be further modified, typically by hydroxylation and glycosylation, to exhibit potent antibiotic activity. Hydroxylation results in the novel polyketides

5   of the invention that contain hydroxyl groups at C-6, which can be accomplished using the hydroxylase encoded by the *eryF* gene, and/or C-12, which can be accomplished using the hydroxylase encoded by the *picK* or *eryK* gene. Also, the *oleP* gene is available in recombinant form, which can be used to express the *oleP* gene product in any host cell. A host cell, such as a *Streptomyces* host cell or a

10   *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* host cell, modified to express the *oleP* gene thus can be used to produce polyketides comprising the C-8-C-8a epoxide present in oleandomycin. Thus the invention provides such modified polyketides. The presence of hydroxyl groups at these positions can enhance the antibiotic activity of the resulting compound relative to its unhydroxylated counterpart.

15   Methods for glycosylating polyketides are generally known in the art and can be applied in accordance with the methods of the present invention; the glycosylation may be effected intracellularly by providing the appropriate glycosylation enzymes or may be effected *in vitro* using chemical synthetic means as described herein and in PCT publication No. WO 98/49315, incorporated

20   herein by reference. Preferably, glycosylation with desosamine, mycarose, and/or megosamine is effected in accordance with the methods of the invention in recombinant host cells provided by the invention. In general, the approaches to effecting glycosylation mirror those described above with respect to hydroxylation. The purified enzymes, isolated from native sources or

25   recombinantly produced may be used *in vitro*. Alternatively and as noted, glycosylation may be effected intracellularly using endogenous or recombinantly produced intracellular glycosylases. In addition, synthetic chemical methods may be employed.

The antibiotic modular polyketides may contain any of a number of

30   different sugars, although D-desosamine, or a close analog thereof, is most common. Erythromycin, picromycin, megalomicin, narbomycin, and methymycin contain desosamine. Erythromycin also contains L-cladinose (3-O-methyl mycarose). Tylosin contains mycaminose (4-hydroxy desosamine), mycarose and

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6-deoxy-D-allose. 2-acetyl-1-bromodesosamine has been used as a donor to glycosylate polyketides by Masamune *et al.*, 1975, *J. Am. Chem. Soc. 97*: 3512-3513. Other, apparently more stable donors include glycosyl fluorides, thioglycosides, and trichloroacetimidates; see Woodward *et al.*, 1981, *J. Am.*

5   *Chem. Soc.* 103: 3215; Martin *et al.*, 1997, *J. Am. Chem. Soc. 119*: 3193; Toshima *et al.*, 1995, *J. Am. Chem. Soc. 117*: 3717; Matsumoto *et al.*, 1988, *Tetrahedron Lett. 29*: 3575. Glycosylation can also be effected using the polyketide aglycones as starting materials and using *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* or *Streptomyces venezuelae* or other host cell to make the conversion, preferably using mutants

10   unable to synthesize macrolides, as discussed in the preceding Section.

Thus, a wide variety of polyketides can be produced by the hybrid PKS enzymes of the invention. These polyketides are useful as antibiotics and as intermediates in the synthesis of other useful compounds, as described in the   ʒ⁓ following section.

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Section VII: Host Cells Containing Multiple Expression Vectors

A recombinant host cell of the invention may contain nucleic acid encoding a megalomicin PKS domain, module, or protein, or megalomicin modification enzyme at a single genetic locus, *e.g.*, on a single plasmid or at a

20   single chromosomal locus, or at different genetic loci, *e.g.*, on separate plasmids and/or chromosomal loci. By "multiple" is meant two or more; by "vector" is meant a nucleic acid molecule which can be used to transform host systems and which contains an independent expression system containing a coding sequence under control of a promoter and optionally a selectable marker and any other

25   suitable sequences regulating expression. Typical such vectors are plasmids, but other vectors such as phagemids, cosmids, viral vectors and the like can be used according to the nature of the host. Of course, one or more of the separate vectors may integrate into the chromosome of the host (selection may not be required for maintenance of integrated vectors).

30   In one embodiment, the invention provides a recombinant host cell, which comprises at least two separate autonomously replicating recombinant DNA expression vectors, each of said vectors comprises a recombinant DNA compound encoding a megalomicin PKS domain or a megalomicin modification enzyme

operably linked to a promoter. In another embodiment, the invention provides a
, recombinant host cell, which comprises at least one autonomously replicating
recombinant DNA expression vector and at least one modified chromosome, each
of said vector(s) and each of said modified chromosome comprises a recombinant

5   DNA compound encoding a megalomicin PKS domain or a megalomicin
modification enzyme operably linked to a promoter. Preferably, the autonomously
replicating recombinant DNA expression vector and/or the modified chromosome
further comprises distinct selectable markers.

The above multiple-vector (chromosome) expression systems can also be

10   used for expressing heterogeneous polyketide biosynthetic enzymes, *e.g.*, for
expressing *Micromonospora megalomicea* megalomicin PKS protein, module, or
domain or a megalomicin modification enzyme with a PKS protein, module, or
domain, or modification enzyme from other origins in the same host cells. By
placing various activities on different expression vectors, a high degree of

15   variation can be achieved in an efficient manner. A variety of hosts can be used;
any suitable host cell that can maintain multiple vectors can readily be used.
Preferred hosts include *Streptomyces*, yeast, *E. coli,* other actinomycetes, and plant
cells, and mammalian or insect cells or other suitable recombinant hosts can also
be used. Preferred among yeast strains are *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Pichia*

20   *pastoris.* Preferred actinomycetes include various strains of *Streptomyces.*

If one chooses to use a host cell that does not naturally produce a
polyketide, then one may need to ensure that the recombinant host is modified to
also contain a holo ACP synthase activity that effects pantetheinylation of the acyl
carrier protein. See PCT Pub. No. WO 97/13845, incorporated herein by

25   reference. One of the multiple vectors may be used for this purpose. This
activation step is necessary for activation of the ACP. The expression system for
the holo ACP synthase may be supplied on a vector separate from that carrying a
PKS coding sequence or may be supplied on the same vector or may be integrated
into the chromosome of the host, or may be supplied as an expression system for a

30   fusion protein with all or a portion of a polyketide synthase (see U.S. Patent No.
6,033,883, incorporated herein by reference).

It should be noted that in some recombinant hosts, it may also be necessary
to activate the polyketides produced through postsynthesis modifications when

polyketides having such modifications are desired. If this is the case for a particular host, the host will be modified, for example by transformation, to contain those enzymes necessary for effecting these modifications. Among such enzymes, for example, are glycosylation enzymes. The use of multiple vectors can

5   facilitate the introduction of expression systems for such enzymes.

In a preferred embodiment, the multiple vector system is used to assemble rapidly and efficiently a combinatorial library of polyketides and the PKS/modification enzymes that produce them. In an illustrative embodiment, the multiple vector system comprises four different vectors, one comprising the *megAI*

10   gene, one the *megAII* gene, one the *megAIII* gene, and one the modification enzyme(s) gene(s). Each of these vectors can be modified to make a set of vectors. For example, one set could contain all possible AT substitutions in the loading and first and second extender modules of the megAI gene product. Another set could contain expression systems for a variety of different modification enzymes. With

15   these four vectors sets and by combining each member of each set with each member of the other three sets, a very large library of cells, vector sets, and polyketides can be rapidly and efficiently assembled.

The combinatorial potential of a modular PKS such as the megalomicin PKS (ignoring the additional potential of different modification enzyme systems)

20   is minimally given by: $AT_L \times (AT_E \times 4)_M$ where AT_L is the number of loading acyl transferases, AT_E is the number of extender acyl transferases, and M is the number of modules in the gene cluster. The number 4 is present in the formula because this represents the number of ways a keto group can be modified by either 1) no reaction; 2) KR activity alone; 3) KR+DH activity; or 4) KR+DH+ER

25   activity. It has been shown that expression of only the first two modules of the erythromycin PKS resulted in the production of a predicted truncated triketide product (See Kao et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 116:11612-11613 ((1994)). A novel 12-membered macrolide similar to methymycin aglycone was produced by expression of modules 1-5 of this PKS in *S. coelicolor* (See Kao et al., *J. Am.*

30   *Chem. Soc.*, 117:9105-9106 (1995)). This work shows that PKS modules are functionally independent so that lactone ring size can be controlled by the number of modules present.

In addition to controlling the number of modules, the modules can be genetically modified, for example, by the deletion of a ketoreductase domain as described by Donadio et al., *Science*, 252:675-679 (1991); and Donadio et al., *Gene*, 115:97-103 (1992). In addition, the mutation of an enoyl reductase domain

5   was reported by Donadio, et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*, 90:7119-7123 (1993). These modifications also resulted in modified PKS and thus modified polyketides.

As stated above, in the present invention, the coding sequences for catalytic activities derived from the megalomicin PKS systems found in nature can be used in their native forms or modified by standard mutagenesis techniques to

10   delete or diminish activity or to introduce an activity into a module in which it was not originally present. For example, a KR activity can be introduced into a module normally lacking that function.

In one embodiment of the invention herein, a single host cell is modified to contain a multiplicity of vectors, each vector contributing a portion of the

15   synthesis of a megalomicin PKS and modification enzyme (if any) system. Each of the multiple vectors for production of the megalomicin PKS system typically encodes at least two modules, and at least one of the vectors integrates into the chromosome of the host. Integration can be effected using suitable phage or integrating vectors or by homologous recombination. If homologous

20   recombination is used, the integration event may also be designed to delete endogenous PKS genes residing in the chromosome, as described in the PCT application WO 95/08548. In these embodiments, too, a selectable marker such as hygromycin or thiostrepton resistance can be included in the vector that effects integration.

25   As mentioned above, additional enzymes that effect post-translational modifications to the enzyme systems in the megalomicin PKS may be introduced into the host through suitable recombinant expression systems. In addition, enzymes that activate the polyketides themselves, for example, through glycosylation may be added. It may also be desirable to modify the cell to produce

30   more of a particular substrate utilized in polyketide biosynthesis. For example, it is generally believed that malonyl CoA levels in yeast are higher than methylmalonyl CoA; if yeast is chosen as a host, it may be desirable to increase

methylmalonyl CoA levels by the addition of one or more biosynthetic enzymes therefor.

The multiple-vector expression system can also be used to make polyketides produced by the addition of synthetic starter units to a PKS that

5   contains an inactivated ketosynthase (KS) in the first module. As noted above, this modification permits the system to incorporate a suitable diketide thioester such as 3-hydroxy-2-methyl pantonoic acid-N-acetyl cysteamine thioester, or similar thioesters of diketide analogs, as described by Jacobsen et al., *Science*, <u>277</u>:367-369 (1997). The construction of PKS modules containing inactivated

10   ketosynthase regions can be conducted by methods known in the art, such as the method described in U.S. Patent No. 6,080,555 and PCT publication Nos. WO 99/03986 and 97/02358, each of which is incorporated herein by reference, in accordance with the methods of the present invention.

The multiple-vector expression system can be used to produce polyketides

15   in hosts that normally do not produce them, such as *E. coli* and yeast. It also provides more efficient means to provide a variety of polyketide products by supplying the elements of the introduced PKS, whether in an *E. coli* or yeast host or in other more traditionally used hosts, such as *Streptomyces*. The invention also includes libraries of polyketides prepared using the methods of the invention.

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Section VIII: Compounds

The methods and recombinant DNA compounds of the invention are useful in the production of polyketides. In one important aspect, the invention provides methods for making antibiotic compounds related in structure to erythromycin, a

25   potent antibiotic compound. The invention also provides novel ketolide compounds, polyketide compounds with potent antibiotic activity of significant interest due to activity against antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria. See Griesgraber *et al.*, 1996, *J. Antibiot. 49*: 465-477, incorporated herein by reference. Most if not all of the ketolides prepared to date are synthesized using

30   erythromycin A, a derivative of 6-dEB, as an intermediate. In one embodiment, the present invention provides the 3-keto derivatives of the megalomicins for use as antibiotics. In particular, the 3-keto derivative of megalomicin A is a preferred ketolide of the invention. These compounds can be made chemically, substantially

in accordance with the procedures for making ketolides described in the prior art, or in recombinant host cells of the invention in which the megosamine and desosamine biosynthetic and transferase genes are present but which do not make or transfer the mycarose moiety and/or the PKS has been modified to delete the

5   KR domain of extender module 6. The invention also provides methods for making intermediates useful in preparing traditional, 6-dEB- and erythromycin-derived ketolide compounds. See 'Griesgraber *et al., supra*; Agouridas *et al.*, 1998, *J. Med. Chem. 41*: 4080-4100, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,770,579; 5,760,233; 5,750,510; 5,747,467; 5,747,466; 5,656,607; 5,635,485; 5,614,614; 5,556,118; 5,543,400;

10   5,527,780; 5,444,051; 5,439,890; 5,439,889; and PCT publication Nos. WO 98/09978 and 98/28316, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

As noted above, the hybrid PKS genes of the invention can be expressed in a host cell that contains the desosamine, megosamine, and/or mycarose biosynthetic genes and corresponding transferase genes as well as the required

15   hydroxylase gene(s), which may, for example and without limitation, be either *picK*, *megK*, or *eryK* (for the C-12 position) and/or *megF* or *eryF* (for the C-6 position). The resulting compounds have antibiotic activity but can be further modified, as described in the patent publications referenced above, to yield a desired compound with improved or otherwise desired properties. Alternatively,

20   the aglycone compounds can be produced in the recombinant host cell, and the desired glycosylation and hydroxylation steps carried out *in vitro* or *in vivo*, in the latter case by supplying the converting cell with the aglycone, as described above.

The compounds of the invention are thus optionally glycosylated forms of the polyketide set forth in formula (1) below which are hydroxylated at either the

25   C-6 or the C-12 or both. The compounds of formula (1) can be prepared using the loading and the six extender modules of a modular PKS, modified or prepared in hybrid form as herein described. These polyketides have the formula:

(2)
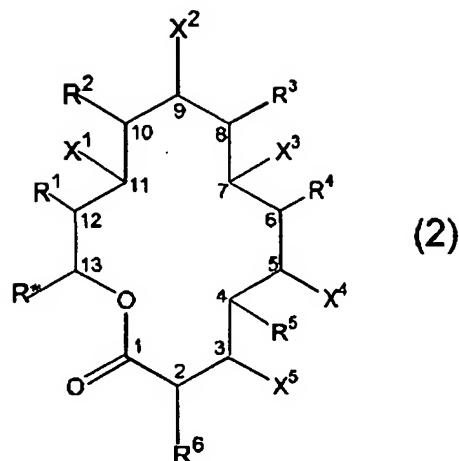
including the glycosylated and isolated stereoisomeric forms thereof;

wherein R* is a straight chain, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl of 1-15C;

5   each of R^1-R^6 is independently H or alkyl (1-4C) wherein any alkyl at R^1 may optionally be substituted;

each of X^1-X^5 is independently two H, H and OH, or =O; or

each of X^1-X^5 is independently H and the compound of formula (2) contains a double-bond in the ring adjacent to the position of said X at 2-3, 4-5, 6-

10   7, 8-9 and/or 10-11;

with the proviso that:

at least two of R^1-R^6 are alkyl (1-4C).

Preferred compounds comprising formula 2 are those wherein at least three of R^1-R^5 are alkyl (1-4C), preferably methyl or ethyl; more preferably wherein at

15   least four of R^1-R^5 are alkyl (1-4C), preferably methyl or ethyl. Also preferred are those wherein X^2 is two H, =O, or H and OH, and/or X^3 is H, and/or X^1 is OH and/or X^4 is OH and/or X^5 is OH. Also preferred are compounds with variable R* when R^1-R^5 is methyl, X^2 is =O, and X^1, X^4 and X^5 are OH. The glycosylated forms (i.e., mycarose or cladinose at C-3, desosamine at C-5, and/or megosamine

20   at C-6) of the foregoing are also preferred.

As described above, there are a wide variety of diverse organisms that can modify compounds such as those described herein to provide compounds with or that can be readily modified to have useful activities. For example, *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* can convert 6-dEB to a variety of useful

compounds. The compounds provided by the present invention can be provided to cultures of *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* and converted to the corresponding derivatives of erythromycins A, B, C, and D in accordance with the procedure provided in the Examples, below. To ensure that only the desired compound is

5   produced, one can use an *S. erythraea eryA* mutant that is unable to produce 6-dEB but can still carry out the desired conversions (Weber *et al.*, 1985, *J. Bacteriol.* *164*(1): 425-433). Also, one can employ other mutant strains, such as *eryB*, *eryC*, *eryG*, and/or *eryK* mutants, or mutant strains having mutations in multiple genes, to accumulate a preferred compound. The conversion can also be

10   carried out in large fermentors for commercial production. Each of the erythromycins A, B, C, and D has antibiotic activity, although erythromycin A has the highest antibiotic activity. Moreover, each of these compounds can form, under treatment with mild acid, a C-6 to C-9 hemiketal with motilide activity. For formation of hemiketals with motilide activity, erythromycins B, C, and D, are

15   preferred, as the presence of a C-12 hydroxyl allows the formation of an inactive compound that has a hemiketal formed between C-9 and C-12.

Thus, the present invention provides the compounds produced by hydroxylation and glycosylation of the compounds of the invention by action of the enzymes endogenous to *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* and mutant strains of *S.*

20   *erythraea*. Such compounds are useful as antibiotics or as motilides directly or after chemical modification. For use as antibiotics, the compounds of the invention can be used directly without further chemical modification. Erythromycins A, B, C, and D all have antibiotic activity, and the corresponding compounds of the invention that result from the compounds being modified by

25   *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* also have antibiotic activity. These compounds can be chemically modified, however, to provide other compounds of the invention with potent antibiotic activity. For example, alkylation of erythromycin at the C-6 hydroxyl can be used to produce potent antibiotics (clarithromycin is C-6-O-methyl), and other useful modifications are described in, for example, Griesgraber

30   *et al.*, 1996, *J. Antibiot.* *49*: 465-477, Agouridas *et al.*, 1998, *J. Med. Chem. 41*: 4080-4100, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,770,579; 5,760,233; 5,750,510; 5,747,467; 5,747,466; 5,656,607; 5,635,485; 5,614,614; 5,556,118; 5,543,400; 5,527,780;

5,444,051; 5,439,890; and 5,439,889; and PCT publication Nos. WO 98/09978 and 98/28316, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

For use as motilides, the compounds of the invention can be used directly without further chemical modification. Erythromycin and certain erythromycin

5   analogs are potent agonists of the motilin receptor that can be used clinically as prokinetic agents to induce phase III of migrating motor complexes, to increase esophageal peristalsis and LES pressure in patients with GERD, to accelerate gastric emptying in patients with gastric paresis, and to stimulate gall bladder contractions in patients after gallstone removal and in diabetics with autonomic

10   neuropathy. See Peeters, 1999, Motilide Web Site, http://www.med.kuleuven. ac.be/med/gih/motilid.htm, and Omura *et al.*, 1987, Macrolides with gastrointestinal motor stimulating activity, *J. Med. Chem. 30*: 1941-3). The corresponding compounds of the invention that result from the compounds of the invention being modified by *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* also have motilide

15   activity, particularly after conversion, which can also occur *in vivo*, to the C-6 to C-9 hemiketal by treatment with mild acid. Compounds lacking the C-12 hydroxyl are especially preferred for use as motilin agonists. These compounds can also be further chemically modified, however, to provide other compounds of the invention with potent motilide activity.

20   Moreover, and also as noted above, there are other useful organisms that can be employed to hydroxylate and/or glycosylate the compounds of the invention. As described above, the organisms can be mutants unable to produce the polyketide normally produced in that organism, the fermentation can be carried out on plates or in large fermentors, and the compounds produced can be

25   chemically altered after fermentation. In addition to *Saccharopolyspora erythraea*, *Streptomyces venezuelae, S. narbonensis, S. antibioticus, Micromonospora megalomicea, S. fradiae*, and *S. thermotolerans* can also be used. In addition to antibiotic activity, compounds of the invention produced by treatment with *M. megalomicea* enzymes can have antiparasitic activity as well. Thus, the present

30   invention provides the compounds produced by hydroxylation and glycosylation by action of the enzymes endogenous to *S. erythraea, S. venezuelae, S. narbonensis, S. antibioticus, M. megalomicea, S. fradiae*, and *S. thermotolerans*.

The present invention also provides methods and genetic constructs for producing the glycosylated and/or hydroxylated compounds of the invention directly in the host cell of interest. Thus, the recombinant genes of the invention, which include recombinant *megAI*, *megAII*, and *megAIII* genes with one or more

5   deletions and/or insertions, including replacements of a *megA* gene fragment with a gene fragment from a heterologous PKS gene, can be included on expression vectors suitable for expression of the encoded gene products in *Saccharopolyspora erythraea*, *Micromonospora megalomicea*, *S. venezuelae*, *S. narbonensis*, *S. antibioticus*, *S. fradiae*, and *S. thermotolerans*.

10   The compounds of the invention can be produced by growing and fermenting the host cells of the invention under conditions known in the art for the production of other polyketides. The compounds of the invention can be isolated from the fermentation broths of these cultured cells and purified by standard procedures. The compounds can be readily formulated to provide the

15   pharmaceutical compositions of the invention. The pharmaceutical compositions of the invention can be used in the form of a pharmaceutical preparation, for example, in solid, semisolid, or liquid form. This preparation will contain one or more of the compounds of the invention as an active ingredient in admixture with an organic or inorganic carrier or excipient suitable for external, enteral, or

20   parenteral application. The active ingredient may be compounded, for example, with the usual non-toxic, pharmaceutically acceptable carriers for tablets, pellets, capsules, suppositories, solutions, emulsions, suspensions, and any other form suitable for use.

The carriers which can be used include water, glucose, lactose, gum acacia,

25   gelatin, mannitol, starch paste, magnesium trisilicate, talc, corn starch, keratin, colloidal silica, potato starch, urea, and other carriers suitable for use in manufacturing preparations, in solid, semi-solid, or liquified form. In addition, auxiliary stabilizing, thickening, and coloring agents and perfumes may be used. For example, the compounds of the invention may be utilized with hydroxypropyl

30   methylcellulose essentially as described in U.S. Patent No. 4,916,138, incorporated herein by reference, or with a surfactant essentially as described in EPO patent publication No. 428,169, incorporated herein by reference.

Oral dosage forms may be prepared essentially as described by Hondo *et al.*, 1987, *Transplantation Proceedings XIX*, Supp. 6: 17-22, incorporated herein by reference. Dosage forms for external application may be prepared essentially as described in EPO patent publication No. 423,714, incorporated herein by

5   reference. The active compound is included in the pharmaceutical composition in an amount sufficient to produce the desired effect upon the disease process or condition.

For the treatment of conditions and diseases caused by infection, a compound of the invention may be administered orally, topically, parenterally, by

10   inhalation spray, or rectally in dosage unit formulations containing conventional non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvant, and vehicles. The term parenteral, as used herein, includes subcutaneous injections, and intravenous, intramuscular, and intrasternal injection or infusion techniques.

Dosage levels of the compounds of the invention are of the order from

15   about 0.01 mg to about 50 mg per kilogram of body weight per day, preferably from about 0.1 mg to about 10 mg per kilogram of body weight per day. The dosage levels are useful in the treatment of the above-indicated conditions (from about 0.7 mg to about 3.5 mg per patient per day, assuming a 70 kg patient). In addition, the compounds of the invention may be administered on an intermittent

20   basis, i.e., at semi-weekly, weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly intervals.

The amount of active ingredient that may be combined with the carrier materials to produce a single dosage form will vary depending upon the host treated and the particular mode of administration. For example, a formulation intended for oral administration to humans may contain from 0.5 mg to 5 gm of

25   active agent compounded with an appropriate and convenient amount of carrier material, which may vary from about 5 percent to about 95 percent of the total composition. Dosage unit forms will generally contain from about 0.5 mg to about 500 mg of active ingredient. For external administration, the compounds of the invention may be formulated within the range of, for example, 0.00001% to 60%

30   by weight, preferably from 0.001% to 10% by weight, and most preferably from about 0.005% to 0.8% by weight.

It will be understood, however, that the specific dose level for any particular patient will depend on a variety of factors. These factors include the

activity of the specific compound employed; the age, body weight, general health, sex, and diet of the subject; the time and route of administration and the rate of excretion of the drug; whether a drug combination is employed in the treatment; and the severity of the particular disease or condition for which therapy is sought.

5   A detailed description of the invention having been provided above, the following examples are given for the purpose of illustrating the invention and shall not be construed as being a limitation on the scope of the invention or claims.

Example 1

10   Cloning and Characterization of the Megalomicin Biosynthetic Gene Cluster from
Micromonospora meglomicea

Experimental Procedures

Bacterial Strains, Media, and Growth Conditions

Routine DNA manipulations were performed in *Escherichia coli* XL1 Blue

15   or *E. coli* XL1 Blue MR (Stratagene) using standard culture conditions (Sambrook *et al.*, 1989). *M. megalomicea* subs. *nigra* NRRL3275 was obtained from the ATCC collection and cultured according to recommended protocols. For isolation of genomic DNA, *M. megalomicea* was grown in TSB (Hopwood *et al.*, 1985) at 30 °C. *S. lividans* K4-114 (Ziermann and Betlach, 1999), which carries a deletion

20   of the actinorhodin biosynthetic gene cluster, was used as the host for expression of the *megAI-AIII* genes. *S. lividans* strains were maintained on R5 agar at 30°C and grown in liquid YEME for preparation of protoplasts (Hopwood *et al.*, 1985). *S. erythraea* NRRL2338 was used for expression of the megosamine genes. *S. erythraea* strains were maintained on R5 agar at 34°C and grown in liquid TSB for

25   preparation of protoplasts.

Manipulation of DNA and Organisms

Manipulation and transformation of DNA in *E. coli* was performed by standard procedures (Sambrook *et al.*, 1989) or by suppliers protocols. Protoplasts

30   of *S. lividans* and *S. erythraea* were generated for transformation by plasmid DNA using the standard procedure. *S. lividans* transformants were selected on R5 using 2 ml of a 0.5 mg/ml thiostrepton overlay. *S. erythraea* transformants were selected on R5 using 1.5 ml of a 0.6 mg/ml apramycin overlay.

Isolation of the meg gene cluster

A cosmid library was prepared in SuperCos (Stratagene) from *M. megalomicea* total DNA partially digested with *Sau*3A I, and introduced into *E.*

5   *coli* using a Gigapack III XL (Stratagene) *in-vitro* packaging kit. ^{32}P-labelled DNA probes encompassing the KS2 domain from *ery* DEBS, or a mixture of segments encompassing modules 1 and 2 from *ery* DEBS were used separately to screen the cosmid library by colony hybridization. Several colonies which hybridized with the probes were further analyzed by sequencing the ends of their cosmid inserts

10   using T3 and T7 primers. BLAST (Altschul *et al.*, 1990) analysis of the sequences revealed several colonies with DNA sequences highly homologous to genes from the ery cluster. Together with restriction analysis, this led to the isolation of two overlapping cosmids, pKOS079-93A and pKOS079-93D which covered ~45 kb of the *meg* cluster. A 400 bp PCR fragment was generated from the left end of and

15   pKOS079-93D and used to reprobe the cosmid library. Likewise, a 200 bp PCR fragment generated from the right end of pKOS079-93A was used to reprobe the cosmid library. Analysis of hybridizing colonies as described above resulted in identification of two additional cosmids, pKOS079-138B and pKOS79-124B which overlap the previous two cosmids. BLAST analysis of the far left and right

20   end sequences of these cosmids indicated no homology to any known genes related to polyketide biosynthesis and therefore indicates that the set of four cosmids spans the entire megalomicin biosynthetic gene cluster.

DNA sequencing and analysis

25   PCR-based double stranded DNA sequencing was performed on a Beckman CEQ 2000 capillary sequencer using reagents and protocols provided by the manufacturer. A shotgun library of the entire cosmid pKOS079-93D insert was made as follows: DNA was first digested with *Dra* I to eliminate the vector fragment, then partially digested with *Sau*3A I. After agarose electrophoresis,

30   bands between 1-3 kb were excised from the gel and ligated with *Bam*H I digested pUC19. Another shotgun library was generated from a 12 kb *Xho* I/*Eco*R I fragment subcloned from cosmid pKOS079-93A to extend the sequence to the *megF* gene. A 4 kb *Bgl* II/ *Xho* I fragment from cosmid pKOS079-138B was

sequenced by primer walking to extend the sequencing to the *megT* gene.

Sequence was assembled using Sequencher (Gene Codes Corp.) software package

and analyzed with MacVector (Oxford Molecular Group) and the NCBI BLAST

server (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/).

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Plasmids

Plasmid pKOS108-6 is a modified version of pKAO127'kan' (Ziermann

and Betlach, 1999; Ziermann and Betlach, 2000) in which the *ery*AI-III genes

between the *Pac* I and *EcoR* I sites have been replaced with the *meg*AI-III genes.

10 This was done by first substituting a synthetic nucleotide DNA duplex (5'-

TAAGAATTCGGAGATCTGGCCTCAGCTCTAGAC (SEQ ID NO: 21),

complementary oligo 5'-

AATTGTCTAGAGCTGAGGCCAGATCTCCGAATTCTTAAT (SEQ ID NO:

22)) between the *Pac* I and *EcoR* I sites of the pKAO127'kan' vector fragment.

15 The 22 kb *EcoR* I/*Bgl* II fragment from cosmid pKOS079-93D containing the

megAI-II genes was inserted into *EcoR* I and *Bgl* II sites of the resulting plasmid to

generate pKOS024-84. A 12 kb *Bgl* II/*Bbv*C I fragment containing the *megAIII*

and part of the *megCII* gene was subcloned from pKOS079-93A and excised as a

Bgl II/*Xba* I fragment and ligated into the corresponding sites of pKOS024-84 to

20 yield the final expression plasmid pKOS108-06.

The megosamine integrating vector, pKOS97-42, was constructed as

follows: A subclone was generated containing the 4 kb *Xho* I/*Sca* I fragment from

pKOS79-138B together with the 1.7 kb *Sca* I/*Pst* I fragment from pKOS79-93D in

Litmus 28 (Stratagene). The entire 5.7 kb fragment was then excised as a *Spe* I/*Pst*

25 I fragment and combined with the 6.3 kb *Pst* I/*EcoR* I fragment from KOS79-93D

and *EcoR* I/*Xba* I digested pSET152 (Bierman *et al.*, 1992) to construct plasmid

pKOS97-42.

Production and analysis of secondary metabolites

30 Fermentation for production of polyketide, LC/MS analysis, and

quantification of 6-dEB for *S. lividans* K4-114/pKOS108-6 and *S. lividans* K4-

114/pKAO127'kan' were essentially as previously described (Xue *et al.*, 1999). *S.*

erythraea NRRL2338 and *S. erythraea*/pKOS97-42 were grown for 6 days in F1

media (Brünker *et al.*, 1998). Samples of broth were clarified in a microcentrifuge

(5 min, 13,000 rpm). For LC/MS preparation, isopropanol was added to the

supernatant (1:2 ratio) and centrifuged again. Erythromycins and megalomicins

were detected by electrospray mass spectrometry and quantity was determined by

5   evaporative light scattering detection (ELSD). The LC retention time and mass

spectra of erythromycin and megalomicins were identical to known standards.

Nucleotide sequence of the meg *gene cluster*

A series of 4 overlapping inserts containing the *meg* cluster (Figure 9) were

10   isolated from a cosmid library prepared from total genomic DNA of *M.*

megalomicea and covers > 100 kb of the genome. A contiguous 48 kb segment

which encodes the megalomicin PKS and several deoxysugar biosynthetic genes

was sequenced and analyzed. The segment contains 17 complete ORFs as well as

an incomplete ORF at each end, organized as shown in Figure 9.

15   *PKS genes.* The ORFs *megAI*, *megAII* and *megAIII* encode the polyketide

synthase responsible for synthesis of 6-dEB. The enzyme complex, *meg* DEBS, is

highly similar to *ery* DEBS, with each of the three predicted polypeptides sharing

an average of 83% overall similarity with their *ery* PKS counterpart. Both PKSs

are composed of 6 modules (2 modules per polypeptide) and each module is

20   organized in the identical manner (Figure 9). A dendrogram analysis (Schwecke *et*

al., 1995) employing 70 acyltranferase (AT) domains revealed that the 6 *meg*

extender AT domains cluster with AT domains that incorporate methylmalonyl

CoA (not shown). The loading module of *meg* DEBS also lacks a KS^Q domain

which is utilized by most macrolide PKSs for decarboxylation of the starter unit to

25   initiate polyketide synthesis (Bisang *et al.*, 1999; Kuhstoss *et al.*, 1996; Kakavas *et*

al., 1997; Xue *et al.*, 1998), implying that priming begins with a propionate unit.

In addition, a conserved Gly to Pro substitution in the NADPH-binding region of

the ketoreductase (KR) domain of module 3 is observed in *meg* DEBS, which has

been proposed to account for its inactivity in *ery* DEBS (Donadio *et al.*, 1991).

30   *Deoxysugar genes.* BLAST (Altschul *et al.*, 1990) analysis of the genes

flanking the PKS indicated that 12 complete ORFs and 1 partial ORF appear to

encode functions required for synthesis of one of the three megalomicin

deoxysugars. Assignment of each ORF to a specific deoxysugar pathway was

made based on comparison to the *ery* genes and other related genes involved in deoxysugar biosynthesis (Table 2).

Table 2. Deduced functions of genes identified in the megalomicin gene cluster.

Gene	Closest Match (polypeptide)[a]	% Sim[a]	Proposed Pathway	Proposed Function	Reference
megT	EryBVI		Mycarose/ Megosamine	2,3-Dehydratase	(Summers et al., 1997; Gaisser et al., 1997)
megDVI	EryCII	63	Megosamine	3,4-Isomerase	(Summers et al., 1997)
megDI	EryCIII	79	Megosamine	Glycosyltransferase	(Summers et al., 1997)
megY	AcyA (S. thermotolerans)	52		Mycarose O-acyl-transferase	(Arisawa et al., 1994)
megDII	EryCI	58	Megosamine	Aminotransferase	(Dhillon et al., 1989; Summers et al., 1997)
megDIII	DesVI (S. venezuelae)	61	Megosamine	Dimethyltransferase	(Xue et al., 1998)
megDIV	DmnU (S. peucetius)	65	Megosamine	3,5-Epimerase	(Olano et al., 1999)
megDV	Dehydrogenase (A. orientalis)	61	Megosamine	4-Ketoreductase	(Summers et al., 1997; van Wageningen et al., 1998)
megDVII	EryBII	73	Megosamine	2,3-Reductase	(Summers et al., 1997)
megBV	EryBV	86	Mycarose	Glycosyltransferase	(Summers et al., 1997; Gaisser et al., 1997)
megBIV	EryBIV	80	Mycarose	4-Ketoreductase	(Summers et al., 1997; Gaisser et al., 1997)
megAI	EryAI	81	6-dEB	Polyketide Synthase	(Donadio and Katz, 1992)
megAII	EryAII	85	6-dEB	Polyketide Synthase	(Donadio and Katz, 1992)
megAIII	EryAIII	83	6-dEB	Polyketide Synthase	(Donadio and Katz, 1992)
megCII	EryCII	82	Desosamine	3,4-Isomerase	(Summers et al., 1997)
meg CIII	EryCIII	89	Desosamine	Glycosylyltransferase	(Summers et al., 1997)
megBII	EryBII	87	Mycarose	2,3-Reductase	(Summers et al., 1997)
megH	EryH	84		Thioesterase	(Haydock et al., 1991)
megF	EryF			C-6 Hydroxylase	(Weber et al., 1991)

5   a. Determined by BLASTX analysis using default parameters.

Three ORFs, *megBV*, *megCIII* and *megDI*, encode glycosyltransferases, apparently one for attachment of each deoxysugar to the macrolide. MegBV was most similar to EryBV, the erythromycin mycarosyltransferase, and hence was assigned to the mycarose pathway in the *meg* cluster. The closest match for both of

5 the remaining glycosyltransferases was EryCIII, the desosaminyltransferase in erythromycin biosynthesis. Given the higher degree of similarity between EryCIII and MegCIII (Table 2), MegCIII was designated the desosaminyltransferase, leaving MegDI as the proposed megosaminyltransferase. In similar fashion, assignments were made accordingly for; MegCII and MegDVI, two putative 3,4-

10 isomerases similar to EryCII; MegBII and MegDVII, 2,3-reductases homologous to EryBII; MegBIV and MegDV, putative 4-ketoreductases similar to EryBIV (Table 2). The remaining ORFs involved in deoxysugar biosynthesis, *megT*, *megDII*, *megDIII* and *megDIV*, each encode a putative 2,3-dehydratase, aminotransferase, dimethyltransferase and 3,5-epimerase, respectively (Table 2).

15 Since both the megosamine and desosamine pathways require an aminotransferase and a dimethyltransferase, and since mycarose and megosamine each require a 2,3-dehydratase and a 3,5-epimerase, assignments of these four genes to a specific pathway could not be made on the basis of sequence comparison alone. However, the latter three are implicated in megosamine biosynthesis by experiments

20 described below.

Other genes. Two additional complete ORFs, designated *megY* and *megH* and an incomplete ORF, designated *megF*, were also identified in the cluster. MegH and MegF share high degrees of similarity with EryH and EryF. EryH and homologs in other macrolide gene clusters are thioesterase-like proteins with

25 unknown function in polyketide gene clusters (Haydock *et al.*, 1991; Xue *et al.*, 1998; Butler *et al.*, 1999; Tang *et al.*, 1999). EryF encodes the erythronolide B C-6 hydroxylase (Figure 8) (Weber *et al.*, 1991; Andersen and Hutchinson, 1992). MegY does not have an *ery* counterpart but appears to belong to a (small) family of *O*-acyltransferases that transfer short acyl chains to macrolides. Two classes

30 exist: AcyA and MdmB transfer acetyl or propionyl groups to the C-3 hydroxyls on 16-membered macrolide rings (Arisawa *et al.*, 1994; Hara and Hutchinson, 1992); CarE and Mpt transfer isovalerate or propionate to the mycarosyl moiety of carbomycin and midecamycin, respectively (Epp *et al.*, 1989; Arisawa *et al.*, 1993;

Gu *et al.*, 1996). The structures of various megalomicins suggest that MegY belongs to the latter class and is the acyltransferase which converts megalomicin A to megalomicins B, C1, or C2 (verified experimentally below).

5   *Heterologous expression of the* meg *PKS genes.*

The wild type and genetically modified versions of the *ery* DEBS have been used extensively in heterologous *Streptomyces* hosts for enzyme studies and the production of novel polyketide compounds. Given the similarities between the *ery* and *meg* DEBSs, production characteristics were compared in a commonly

10   used *Streptomyces* host strain. The three *meg*A ORFs were cloned into the expression plasmid pKAO127'kan' (Ziermann and Betlach, 1999) in place of the *ery*A ORFs. Both plasmids, pKAO127'kan' encoding *ery* DEBS and pKOS108-06 encoding *meg* DEBS, were introduced in *Streptomyces lividans* K4-114 and the production of 6-dEB was determined in shake-flask fermentations. The production

15   profiles were similar in both cases and the maximum titer of 6-dEB was between 30-40 mg/L. In addition, both PKSs produced small amounts (~5%) of 8,8a-deoxyoleandolide, which results from the priming of the PKS with acetate instead of propionate (Kao *et al.*, 1994b). This observation indicates that the loading AT domains of the PKSs display similar relaxed specificities towards starter units.

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Conversion of erythromycin to megalomicin in S. erythraea.

An examination of the *meg* cluster revealed that the putative megosamine biosynthetic genes are clustered directly upstream of the PKS genes. If the hypothesis that these genes are sufficient for biosynthesis and attachment of

25   megosamine to an erythromycin intermediate is correct, then functional expression of these genes in a strain which produces erythromycin, such as *S. erythraea*, should result in production of megalomicin. A 12 kb DNA fragment carrying all the genes between the leftmost *Xho*I site and the *Eco*RI site (Figure 9) was integrated in the chromosome of *S. erythraea* using the site-specific integrating

30   vector pSET152 (Bierman *et al.*, 1992). It was surmised that the left and right ends of this fragment would contain necessary promoter regions for transcription of the convergent set of genes in *M. megalomicea* and that they would likely operate in *S. erythraea.*

Fermentation broth from *S. erythraea*/KOS97-42, which contains the

integrated *meg* genes, was analyzed by LC/MS and compared to LC/MS profiles

of the parent *S. erythraea* strain without the *meg* genes, as well as to megalomicin

standards purified from *M. megalomicea*. The new strain was found to produce a

5   mixture of erythromycin A and various megalomicins (~4:1 ratio), thereby

showing that the predicted megosamine biosynthetic and glycosyltransferase genes

are contained within the cloned *meg* fragment. The two most abundant congeners

identified were megalomicins B and C1. Megalomicin A and C2 were also

detected in smaller amounts. The presence of the megalomicins B, C1 and C2 also

10   provides direct evidence for the function of the *O*-acyl transferase, MegY, which

is present in the integrated *meg* fragment.

Discussion

        The homologies observed among modular PKSs enabled the use of *ery*

15   PKS genes to clone the *meg* biosynthetic gene cluster from *M. megalomicea*. The

close similarities between the megalomicin and erythromycin biosynthetic

pathways is also reflected in the overall organization of their genes and in the high

degree of homology of the corresponding individual gene-encoded polypeptides.

Production of 6-dEB from *meg* DEBS in *S. lividans* and conversion of

20   erythromycin to megalomicin using the *megD* genes in *S. erythraea* provides

direct evidence that the identified gene cluster is responsible for synthesis of

megalomicin.

        As seen in Figure 9, the ~ 40 kb segments of the two clusters beginning

with *ery/megBV* on the left through the *ery/megF* genes retain a nearly identical

25   organizational arrangement. The notable differences in this region are *eryG* and

IS*1136* which are absent from the segment of the *meg* cluster analyzed. The *eryG*

gene encodes an S-adenosylmethionine (SAM)-dependent mycarosyl

methyltransferase that converts erythromycin C to erythromycin A (Figure 8)

(Weber *et al.*, 1990; Haydock *et al.*, 1991). The mycarose moiety is modified by

30   esterification (MegY) in megalomicin biosynthesis (Figure 8) and, therefore, the

absence of an *eryG* homolog would be expected in the *meg* cluster. The IS*1136*

element located between *eryAI* and *eryAII* (Donadio and Staver, 1993) is not

known to play a role in erythromycin biosynthesis and its origin in the *ery* cluster has not been determined.

Upstream of the common *meg/eryBIV* and *BV* genes, the gene clusters diverge. The ~ 6 kb segment between *eryBV* and *eryK*, the left border of the *ery*

5   gene cluster (Pereda *et al.*, 1997), contains the remaining genes required for mycarose (*eryBVI* and *BVII*) and desosamine biosynthesis (*eryCIV, CV*, and *CVI*) and the C-12 hydroxylase (*eryK*) (Stassi *et al.*, 1993). In contrast, the region upstream of *megBV* encodes a set of genes (*megDI-DVII* and *megY*) which can account for all the activities unique to megalomicin biosynthesis (Figure 9). Since

10   introduction of this *meg* DNA segment into *S. erythraea* results in production of megalomicins, it is clear that these genes encode the functions for TDP-megosamine biosynthesis and transfer to its putative substrate erythromycin C, and to acylate megalomicin A (Figure 8). The remaining region upstream of *megDVI* should therefore encode genes only for mycarose and desosamine biosynthesis.

15   Olano *et al.* (Olano *et al.*, 1999) have recently described a pathway for biosynthesis of TDP-L-daunosamine, a deoxysugar component of the antitumor compounds daunorubicin and doxorubicin produced by *Streptomyces peucetius*. Their pathway proposes four steps from the intermediate TDP-4-keto-6-deoxyglucose controlled by the gene cluster *dnmJQTUVZ*, although the functions

20   for *dnmQ* and *dnmZ* could not be identified and the precise order of reactions in the pathway could not be determined. The genes *dnmT, dnmU, dnmJ* and *dnmV* each have proposed counterparts in the *meg* cluster, *megT, megDIV, megDII*, and *megDV*, respectively (see Figure 10)

It is possible to describe a pathway to convert TDP-2,6-dideoxy-3,4-

25   diketo-D-hexose (or its enol tautomer), the last intermediate common to the mycarose and megosamine pathways, to TDP-megosamine through the sequence of 5-epimerization, 4-ketoreduction, 3-amination, and 3-*N*-dimethylation employing the genes *megDIV, megDV, megDII,* and *megDIII*. This employs the same functions proposed for biosynthesis of TDP-daunosamine by Olano *et al.*,

30   but in a different sequential order. However, it does not account for the *megDVI* and *megDVII* genes since their activities are not required for this route. A parallel pathway which employs these genes is also shown in Figure 10. In this alternate route, 2,3-reduction and 3,4-tautomerization are performed by the *megDVII* and

megDVI gene products, respectively. A unified single pathway that employs both 4-ketoreduction (*megDV*) and 2,3-reduction (*megDVII*) could not be determined. Because the entire gene set from *megDVI* through *megDVII* was introduced in *S. erythraea* to produce TDP-megosamine, it is not possible to determine which, if

5   either, of the two alternative pathways is operative, but this can be addressed through systematic gene disruption and complementation.

The 48 kb segment sequenced also contains genes required for synthesis of TDP-L-mycarose and TDP-D-desosamine (Fig 10). For the latter, *megCII*, which encodes a putative 3,4-isomerase, the first step in the committed TDP-desosamine

10   pathway, appears to be translationally coupled to *megAIII*, almost exactly as its erythromycin counterpart, *eryCII*, was found translationally coupled to *eryAIII* (Summers *et al.*, 1997). The high degree of similarity between MegCII and EryCII suggests that the pathway to desosamine in the megalomicin- and erythromycin-producing organisms are most likely the same. Similarly, the finding that *megBII*

15   and *megBIV*, encoding a 2,3-reductase and 4-ketoreductase, contain close homologs in the mycarose pathway for erythromycin also suggests that TDP-L-mycarose synthesis in the two host organisms is the same.

Of interest are the two genes that encode putative 2,3-reductases, *megBII* and *megDVII*. Because MegBII most closely resembles EryBII, a known mycarose

20   biosynthetic enzyme (Weber *et al.*, 1990), and because *megBII* resides in the same location of the *meg* cluster as its counterpart in the *ery* cluster, *megBII* is assigned to the mycarose pathway and *megDVII* to the megosamine pathway. Furthermore, the lower degree of similarity between MegDVII and either EryBII or MegBII (Table 2) provides a basis for assigning the opposite L and D isomeric substrates

25   to each of the enzymes (Figure 10). Finally, *megT*, which encodes a putative 2,3-dehydratase, is also related to a gene in the *ery* mycarose pathway, *eryBVI*. In *S. erythraea*, the proposed intermediate generated by EryBVI represents the first committed step in the biosynthesis of mycarose (Figure 10). However, the proposed pathways in Figure 10 suggest this may be an intermediate common to

30   both mycarose and megosamine biosynthesis in *M. megalomicea*. Therefore, *megT* is named following the designation of the equivalent gene in the daunosamine pathway, *dnmT* (Olano *et al.*, 1999)

The preferred host-vector system for expression of *meg* DEBS described here has been used previously for the heterologous expression of modular PKS genes from the erythromycin (Kao *et al.*, 1994a; Ziermann and Betlach, 1999), picromycin (Tang *et al.*, 1999) and oleandomycin pathways, as well as for the

5   generation of novel polyketide backbones where domains have been removed, added or exchanged in various combinations (McDaniel *et al.*, 1999). Recently, hybrid polyketides have been generated through the co-expression of subunits from different PKS systems (Tang *et al.*, 2000).

Expression of the *megDVI-megDVII* segment in *S. erythraea* and the

10   corresponding production of megalomicins in this host establishes the likely order of sugar attachment in megalomicin synthesis. Furthermore, it provides a means to produce megalomicin in a more genetically friendly host organism, leading to the creation of megalomicin analogs by manipulating the PKS. Over 60 6-dEB analogs have been produced by combinatorial biosynthesis using the *ery* PKS

15   (McDaniel *et al.*, 1999; Xue *et al.*, 1999). The titers of megalomicin could also be significantly increased above the 5 mg/L obtained from *M. megalomiciea* by introducing the genes into an industrially optimized strain of *S. erythraea*, many of which can produce as much as 10 g/L of erythromycin.

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Example 2

Stabilizing meg PKS Expression Plasmid by Codon Engineering

Materials and methods

All bacterial strains were cultured and transformed as described in Example 1.

Fermentation of Streptomyces and diketide feeding

Primary *Streptomyces* transformants were picked and placed in 6 mL of
TSB liquid medium with 50 µg/L of thiostrepton and grown at 30°C. When the

5   culture showed some growth (3-4days), it was transferred into a 250 mL flask
containing 50 mL of R6 medium (pH 7.0) with 25 ug/L of thiostrepton and 1g/L of
diketide ((2s,3R)2-methyl-3-hydroxyhexanoate N-propionyl cysteamine thioester)
and placed in a 30°C incubator for 7 days.

10   *Changing codons and making plasmids*

There are several identical sequences in the coding sequences for module 2
and module 6 of the megalomicin PKS gene cluster. Expression plasmids
containing the full length megalomicin PKS appeared to be somewhat unstable
and subject to deletion in recA$^+$ strains like ET124567 and *Streptomyces* by intra-

15   plasmid homologous recombination. To prevent significant homologous
recombination and so stabilize expression plasmids, the codons of two regions of
the module 6 coding sequence that are identical to regions in the module 2 coding
sequence were changed without changing the sequence of protein encoded. The
two regions changed in module 6 were from the 26739th base to 27,267th base and

20   from position 27,697th base to 27,987th base, which were identical to the region
from position 6810th base to 7338thbase and regions from position 7778thbase to
8068th base, respectively. The start codon of the loading domain of the meg PKS
was set to be the 1st base. These sequences are shown below

25   > 6810-7338 Sequence in Module 2
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TTGCAGCGGTTGTCGGTGGCGGTGCGGGAGGGGCGTCGGGTGTTGGGTGTGGTGGTGGGT
TCGGCGGTGAATCAGGATGGGGCGAGTAATGGGTTGGCGGCGCCGTCGGGGGTGGCGCAG
CAGCGGGTGATTCGGCGGGCGTGGGGTCGTGCGGGTGTGTCGGGTGGGGATGTGGGTGTG
GTGGAGGCGCATGGGACGGGGACGCGGTTGGGGGATCCGGTGGAGTTGGGGGCGTTGTTG
GGGACGTATGGGGTGGGTCGGGGTGGGGTGGGTCCGGTGGTGGTGGGTTCGGTGAAGGCG
AATGTGGGTCATGTGCAGGCGGCGGCGGGTGTGGTGGGTGTGATCAAGGTGGTGTTGGGG
TTGGGTCGGGGGTTGGTGGGTCCGATGGTGTGTCGGGGTGGGTTGTCGGGGTTGGTGGAT
TGGTCGTCGGGTGGGTTGGTGGTGGCGGATGGGGTGCGGGGGTGGCCGGTGGGTGTGGAT
GGGGTGCGTCGGGGTGGGGTGTCGGCGTTTGGGGTGTCGGGGACGAAT (SEQ ID NO: 23)
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35   > 26736-27267 Sequence in Module 6
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CTGCAGCGGTTGTCGGTGGCGGTGCGGGAGGGGCGTCGGGTGTTGGGTGTGGTGGTGGGT
TCGGCGGTGAATCAGGATGGGGCGAGTAATGGGTTGGCGGCGCCGTCGGGGGTGGCGCAG
CAGCGGGTGATTCGGCGGGCGTGGGGTCGTGCGGGTGTGTCGGGTGGGGATGTGGGTGTG
GTGGAGGCGCATGGGACGGGGACGCGGTTGGGGGATCCGGTGGAGTTGGGGGCGTTGTTG
GGGACGTATGGGGTGGGTCGGGGTGGGGTGGGTCCGGTGGTGGTGGGTTCGGTGAAGGCG
AATGTGGGTCATGTGCAGGCGGCGGCGGGTGTGGTGGGTGTGATCAAGGTGGTGTTGGGG
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TTGGGTCGGGGGTTGGTGGGTCCGATGGTGTGTCGGGGTGGGTTGTCGGGGTTGGTGGAT   .
TGGTCGTCGGGTGGGTTGGTGGTGGCGGATGGGGTGCGGGGGTGGCCGGTGGGTGTGGAT
GGGGTGCGTCGGGGTGGGGTGTCGGCGTTTGGGGTGTCGGGGACGAAT (SEQ ID NO: 24)
> 26736-27267 Sequence with Codon Changes
CTGCAGCGCCTCTCCGTCGCCGTCCGCGAGGGCCGCCGAGTCCTCGGCGTCGTCGTCGGC
TCGGCCGTCAACCAAGACGGCGCGTCAAACGGCCTCGCCGCGCCCTCCGGCGTCGCCCAG
CAGCGCGTCATACGCCGCGCGTGGGGACGCGCCGGAGTATCGGGCGGCGACGTCGGAGTC
GTCGAGGCCCACGGCACCGGCACCCGCCTCGGGGATCCCGTCGAGCTGGGCGCCCTCCTG
GGCACGTACGGCGTCGGCCGCGGCGGCGTCGGCCCGGTCGTCGTCGGCAGCGTCAAGGCC
AACGTCGGCCACGTCCAGGCCGCGGCCGGCGTCGTCGGGGTCATCAAGGTCGTCCTCGGC
CTCGGCCGCGGGCTGGTCGGCCCGATGGTCTGCCGCGGCGGCCTCAGCGGCCTCGTCGAC
TGGTCGTCCGGCGGCCTGGTCGTCGCGGACGGGGTCCGCGGCTGGCCGGTCGGCGTCGAC
GGCGTCCGCCGGGGCGGCGTCTCGGCGTTCGGCGTCAGCGGGACGAAT (SEQ ID NO: 25)


> 6978-7337 Sequence in Module 2
GGTGGAGTGTGATGCGGTGGTGTCGTCGGTGGTGGGGTTTTCGGTGTTGGGGGTGTTGGA
GGGTCGGTCGGGTGCGCCGTCGTTGGATCGGGTGGATGTGGTGCAGCCGGTGTTGTTCGT
GGTGATGGTGTCGTTGGCGCGGTTGTGGCGGTGGTGTGGGGTTGTGCCTGCGGCGGGTGGT
GGGTCATTCGCAGGGGGAGATCGCGGCGGCGGTGGTGGCGGGGGTGTTGTCGGTGGGTGA
TGGTGCGCGGGTGGTGGCGTTGCGGGCGCGGGCGTTGCGGGCGTTGGCCGG (SEQ ID NO:
26)
> 27697-27987 Sequence in Module 6
GGTGGAGTGTGATGCGGTGGTGTCGTCGGTGGTGGGGTTTTCGGTGTTGGGGGTGTTGGA
GGGTCGGTCGGGTGCGCCGTCGTTGGATCGGGTGGATGTGGTGCAGCCGGTGTTGTTCGT
GGTGATGGTGTCGTTGGCGCGGTTGTGGCGGTGGTGTGGGGTTGTGCCTGCGGCGGTGGT
GGGTCATTCGCAGGGGGAGATCGCGGCGGCGGTGGTGGCGGGGGTGTTGTCGGTGGGTGA
TGGTGCGCGGGTGGTGGCGTTGCGGGCGCGGGCGTTGCGGGCGTTGGCCGG (SEQ ID NO:
27)
> 27697-27987 Sequence with Codon Changes
CGTGGAGTGCGATGCGGTCGTGTCGAGCGTCGTCGGCTTCAGCGTGCTGGGCGTCCTGGA
GGGCCGCAGCGGCGCCCCGAGCCTGGACCGCGTCGACGTGGTCCAGCCGGTCCTGTTCGT
GGTCATGGTCAGCCTGGCCCGCCTGTGGCGCTGGTGCGGCGTGGTCCCGGCCGCCGTGGT
CGGCCACAGCCAGGGCGAGATCGCCGCCGCGGTCGTGGCCGGCGTCCTGAGCGTCGGCGA
CGGCGCCCGCGTCGTGGCCCTGCGCGCCCCGCGCCCTGCGCGCCCTGGCCGG (SEQ ID NO:
28)
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Three pieces of DNA from the two regions above were synthesized and verified by Retrogen, and the synthesized DNAs were cloned into pCR-Blunt II –TOPO, as shown in the Table 3 below.

Table 3.   Plasmids containing synthesized DNA

Plasmids	Cloning sites and positions in meg PKS
pKOS97-1613	PstI-BamHI, 26,739th-26,947th base
PKOS97-1622	BamHI-BsmI, 26,947th –27,267th base
PKOS97-1628	SfaNI-FseI, 27,697th- 27,987th base

Assembly of the expression plasmid

First, ligation of the PstI-BamHI fragment of pKOS97-1613, the BamHI-BsmI fragment of pKOS97-1622 and BsmI-PstI linearized pKOS97-90 produced

pKOS97-151. Then, the insertion of the SfaNI-FseI fragment of pKOS97-1628 into pKOS97-151 gave rise to pKSO97-152. Then, the PstI-BlpI fragment of pKOS97-125 was used to replace the PstI-BlpI fragment of pKOS97-90a and produced pKOS97-160.

5   The final expression plasmid (in pRM5) pKOS97-162 was the result of BglII-NheI fragment of pKOS97-160 inserted into BglII-NheI sites of pKOS108-04.

Another expression plasmid pKOS97-152a was made by a four-fragment ligation. The four fragments were a BlpI-XbaI fragment (containing a cos site) of

10   pKOS97-92a, a BglII-PstI fragment of pKOS97-81, a PstI-BlpI fragment of pKOS97-152, and a BglII-XbaI fragment of pKOS108-04 (as the vector).

Tests of the constructed plasmids showed that the plasmids containing the modified coding sequences were more stable than plasmids containing unmodified coding sequence.

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Example 3

Construction of Ole-Meg Hybrid PKS

Construction of pRM1-based pKOS098-48 for the expression of OlePKS modules 1-4.

20   The 240-bp fragment containing the 3'-end portion of *oleAII* gene (at nt 11210-11452; the first base of the start codon of *oleAII* is nt 1) was PCR amplified with primers N98-38-1 (5'GAACAACTCCTGTCT<u>GCGGCCGC</u>G-3') (SEQ ID NO: 29) and N98-38-3 (5'-CG<u>GAATTC</u>TCTAGAGTCACGTCTCCAACCGCTTGTCGAGG-3') (SEQ ID

25   NO: 30). The fragment contains a naturally occurring NotI site at its 5'-end and the engineered XbaI (bold) and EcoRI sites (underline) at its 3'-end following the *oleAII* stop codon. pKOS38-189 was digested with EcoRI and NotI to give five fragments of 8 kb, 5 kb, 4 kb, 2.5 kb and 2 kb. The 8-kb EcoRI-NotI fragment containing *oleAII* gene nt 2961 to nt 11210 and the 240-bp NotI, EcoRI treated

30   PCR fragment were ligated into litmus 28 at the EcoRI site via a three-fragment ligation to give pKOS98-46. The 8.2-kb EoRI fragment from pKOS98-46 was cloned into pKOS38-174, a pRM1 derived plasmid containing *oleAI* and nt 1 to nt 2960 of *oleAII* to give pKOS98-48.

Construction of pSET152-based pKOS98-60 for the expression of megPKS modules 5-6.

The 360-bp fragment containing nt 1 to nt 366 of *megAIII* was PCR
5 amplified with primers N98-40-3 (5'-
TCTAGAC<u>TTAATTAA</u>GGAGGACAC*ATAT*GAGCGA-GAGCAGC-
GGCATGACCG-3') (SEQ ID NO: 31) and N98-40-2 (5'- AACGCCTCCCAG-
GAGATCTCCAGCA-3') (SEQ ID NO: 32). A PacI site and a NdeI site as well
as the ribosome binding site were introduced at the 5'-end of the *megAI* start
10 codon. The 360-bp PacI-BglII fragment was inserted into pKOS108-06 replacing
the 22-kb PacI-BglII fragment to yield pKOS98-55. The 10-kb PacI-XbaI
fragment containing megAIII gene and the annealed oligos N98-23-1 (5'-
AATTCATAGCCTAGGT-3') (SEQ ID NO: 33) and N98-23-2 (5'-
CTAGACCTAGGCTATG-3') (SEQ ID NO: 34) were ligated to PacI and EcoRI
15 treated pSET152 derivative pKOS98-14 via a three-fragment ligation to give
pKOS98-60.

Example 4

Conversion of Erythronolides to Erythromycins

20   A sample of a polyketide (~50 to 100 mg) is dissolved in 0.6 mL of
ethanol and diluted to 3 mL with sterile water. This solution is used to overlay a
three day old culture of *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* WHM34 (an *eryA* mutant)
grown on a 100 mm R2YE agar plate at 30°C. After drying, the plate is incubated
at 30°C for four days. The agar is chopped and then extracted three times with 100
25 mL portions of 1% triethylamine in ethyl acetate. The extracts are combined and
evaporated. The crude product is purified by preparative HPLC (C-18 reversed
phase, water-acetonitrile gradient containing 1% acetic acid). Fractions are
analyzed by mass spectrometry, and those containing pure compound are pooled,
neutralized with triethylamine, and evaporated to a syrup. The syrup is dissolved
30 in water and extracted three times with equal volumes of ethyl acetate. The
organic extracts are combined, washed once with saturated aqueous NaHCO$_3$,
dried over Na$_2$SO$_4$, filtered, and evaporated to yield ~0.15 mg of product. The
product is a glycosylated and hydroxylated compound corresponding to

erythromycin A, B, C, and D but differing therefrom as the compound provided differed from 6-dEB.

Example 5

Measurement of Antibacterial Activity

5   Antibacterial activity is determined using either disk diffusion assays with *Bacillus cereus* as the test organism or by measurement of minimum inhibitory concentrations (MIC) in liquid culture against sensitive and resistant strains of *Staphylococcus pneumoniae*.

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Example 6

Evaluation of Antiparasitic Activity

       Compounds can initially screened *in vitro* using cultures of *P. falciparum* FCR-3 and K1 strains, then *in vivo* using mice infected with *P. berghei*. Mammalian
15   cell toxicity can be determined in FM3A or KB cells. Compounds can also be screened for activity against *P. berhei*. Compounds are also tested in animal studies and clinical trials to test the antiparasitic activity broadly (antimalarial, trypanosomiasis and Leishmaniasis).

20   The invention having now been described by way of written description and example, those of skill in the art will recognize that the invention can be practiced in a variety of embodiments and that the foregoing description and examples are for purposes of illustration and not limitation of the following claims.

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Claims

1.   An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a domain of megalomicin polyketide synthase (PKS) or a megalomicin modification enzyme.

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2.   The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, which encodes a PKS open reading frame (ORF) selected from the group consisting of megAI, megAII and megAIII.

10   3.   The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the PKS domain is selected from the group consisting of a TE domain, a KS domain, an AT domain, an ACP domain, a KR domain, a DH domain, and an ER domain.

4.   The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid
15   comprises the coding sequence for a loading module, a thioesterase domain, and all six extender modules of megalomicin PKS.

5.   The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, which encodes a megalomicin modification enzyme that is involved in the conversion of 6-dEB into a
20   megalomicin.

6.   The isolated nucleic acid of claim 5, which encodes a megalomicin modification enzyme that is involved in the biosynthesis of mycarose, megosamine or desosamine.

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7.   The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid codons of homologous regions within the PKS or the megalomicin modification enzyme coding sequence have been changed to reduce or abolish the homology without changing the amino acid sequences encoded by said changed nucleic acid
30   codons.

8.   The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, which isolated nucleic acid fragment hybridizes to a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence set forth in the SEQ. ID NO:1.

5   9.   A polypeptide, which is encoded by the isolated nucleic acid fragment of claim 1.

10.   A recombinant DNA expression vector, comprising the isolated nucleic acid of claim 1 operably linked to a promoter.

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11.   A recombinant host cell, comprising the recombinant DNA expression vector of claim 10.

12.   The recombinant host cell of claim 11, which is a *Streptomyces* or

15   *Saccharopolyspora* host cell.

13.   A recombinant host cell of claim 11, which comprises:

a)   at least two separate autonomously replicating recombinant DNA expression vectors, each of said vectors comprises a recombinant DNA compound

20   encoding a megalomicin PKS domain or a megalomicin modification enzyme operably linked to a promoter; or

b)   at least one autonomously replicating recombinant DNA expression vector and at least one modified chromosome, each of said vector(s) and each of said modified chromosome comprises a recombinant DNA compound encoding a

25   megalomicin PKS domain or a megalomicin modification enzyme operably linked to a promoter.

14.   A hybrid PKS that comprises a polypeptide of claim 9 and is composed of at least a portion of a megalomicin PKS and at least a portion of a

30   second PKS for a polyketide other than megalomicin.

15. The hybrid PKS of claim 14, wherein the second PKS is selected from the group consisting of a narbonolide PKS, an oleandolide PKS, and a DEBS PKS.

5   16. The hybrid PKS of claim 15 that is composed of the megAI and megAII gene products and the oleAIII gene product.

17. The hybrid PKS of claim 16, wherein the KS domain of module 1 of the megAI gene product has been inactivated by mutation.

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18. A method of producing a polyketide, which method comprises growing the recombinant host cell of claim 11 under conditions whereby the megalomicin PKS domain encoded by the recombinant expression vector is produced and the polyketide is synthesized by the cell, and recovering the

15   synthesized polyketide.

19. A recombinant host cell that comprises a recombinant expression vector that encodes a megalomicin modification enzyme.

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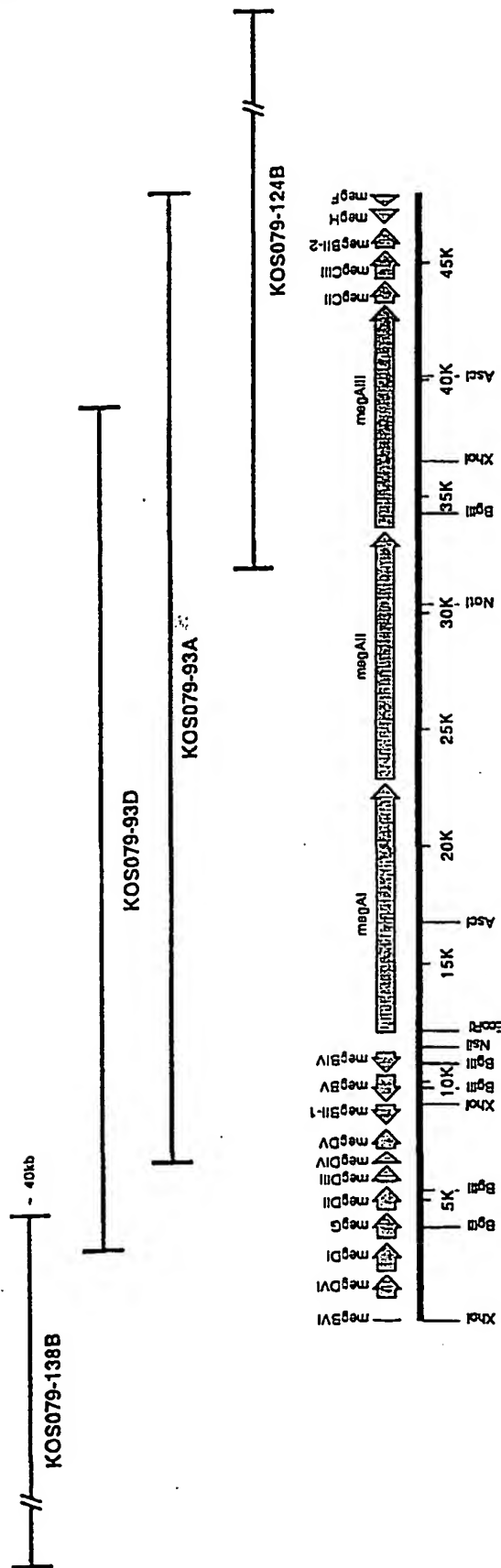
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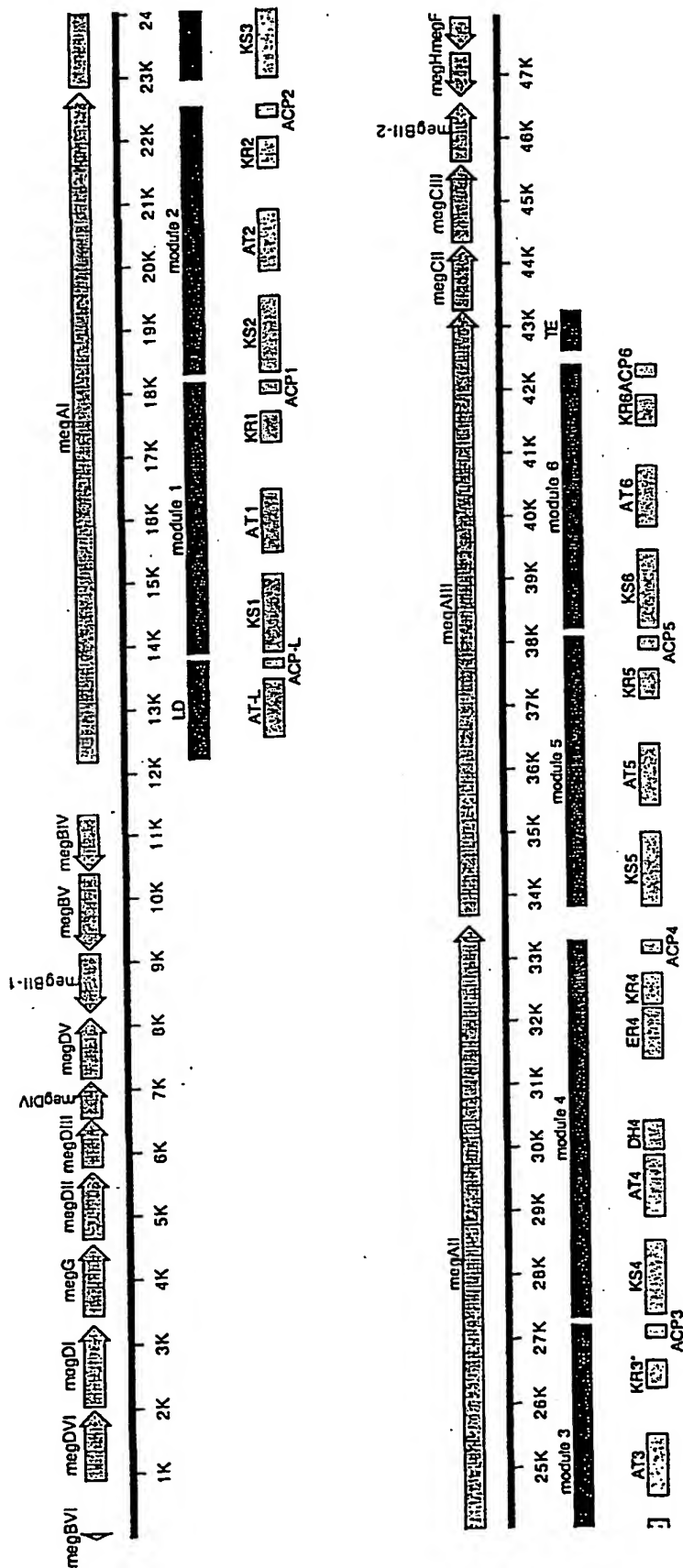
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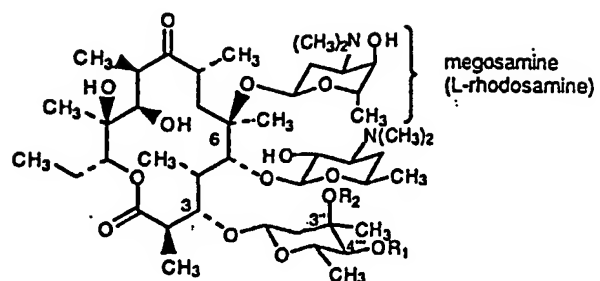
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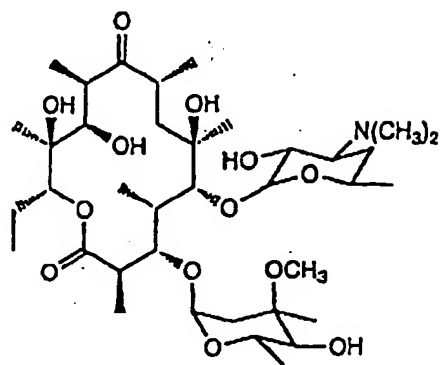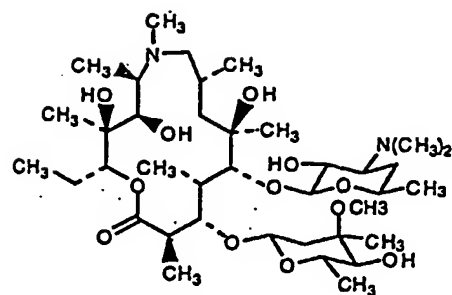
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Structures of the Megalomicins and Azithromycin

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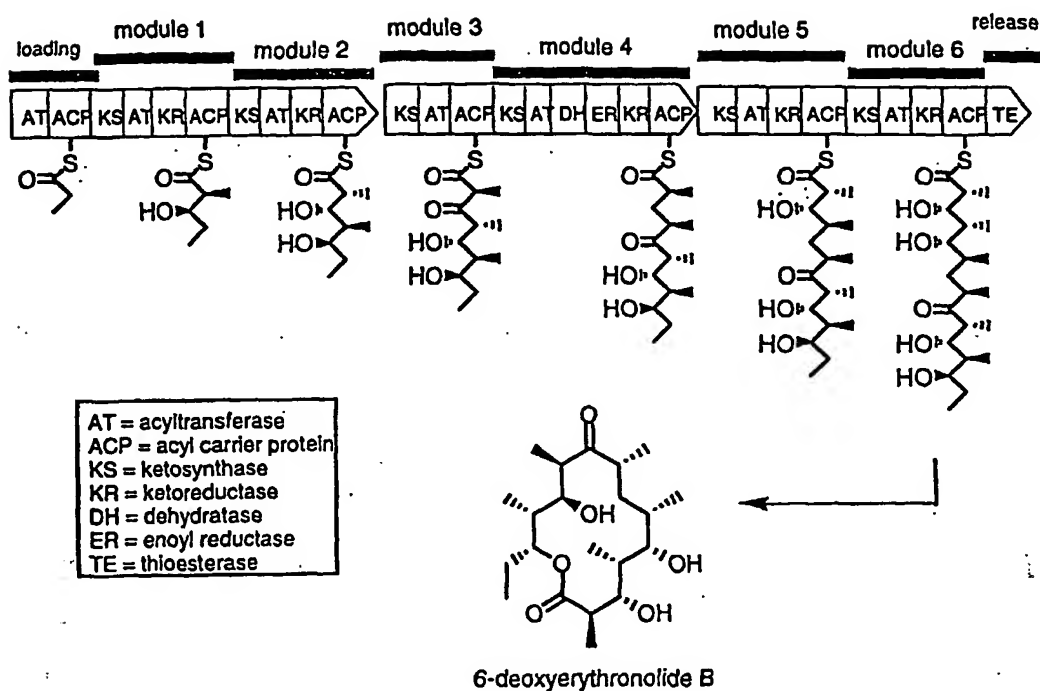
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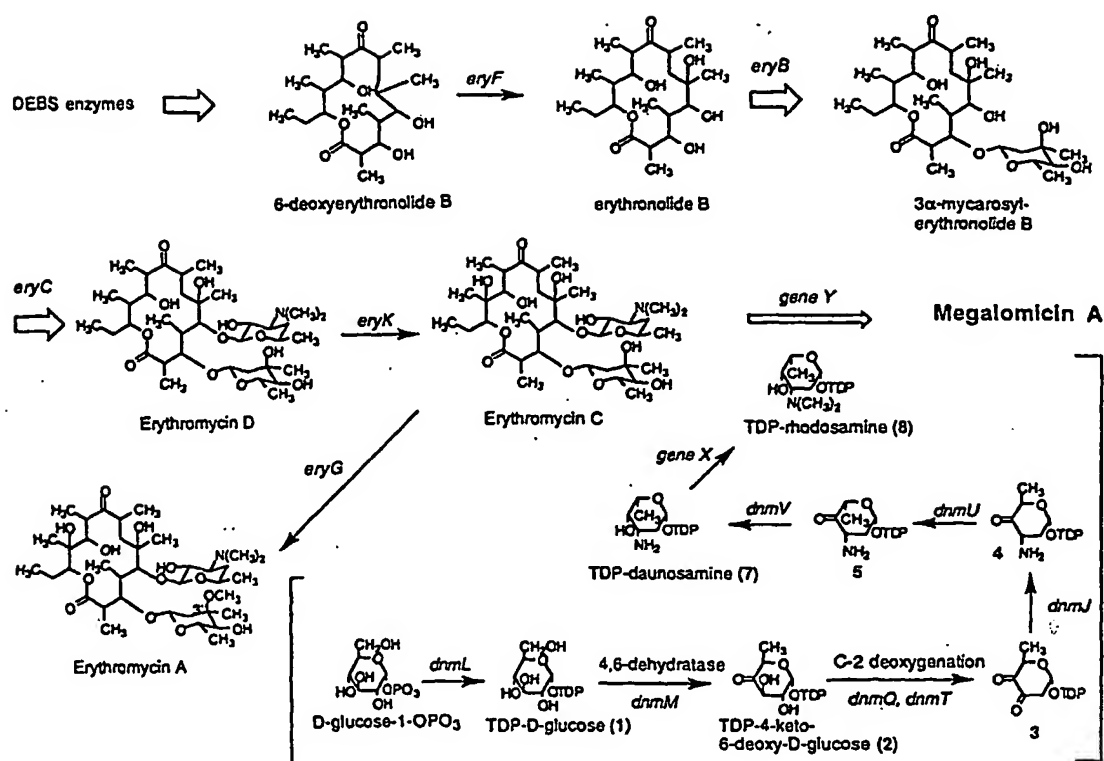
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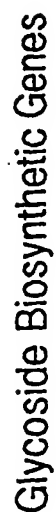
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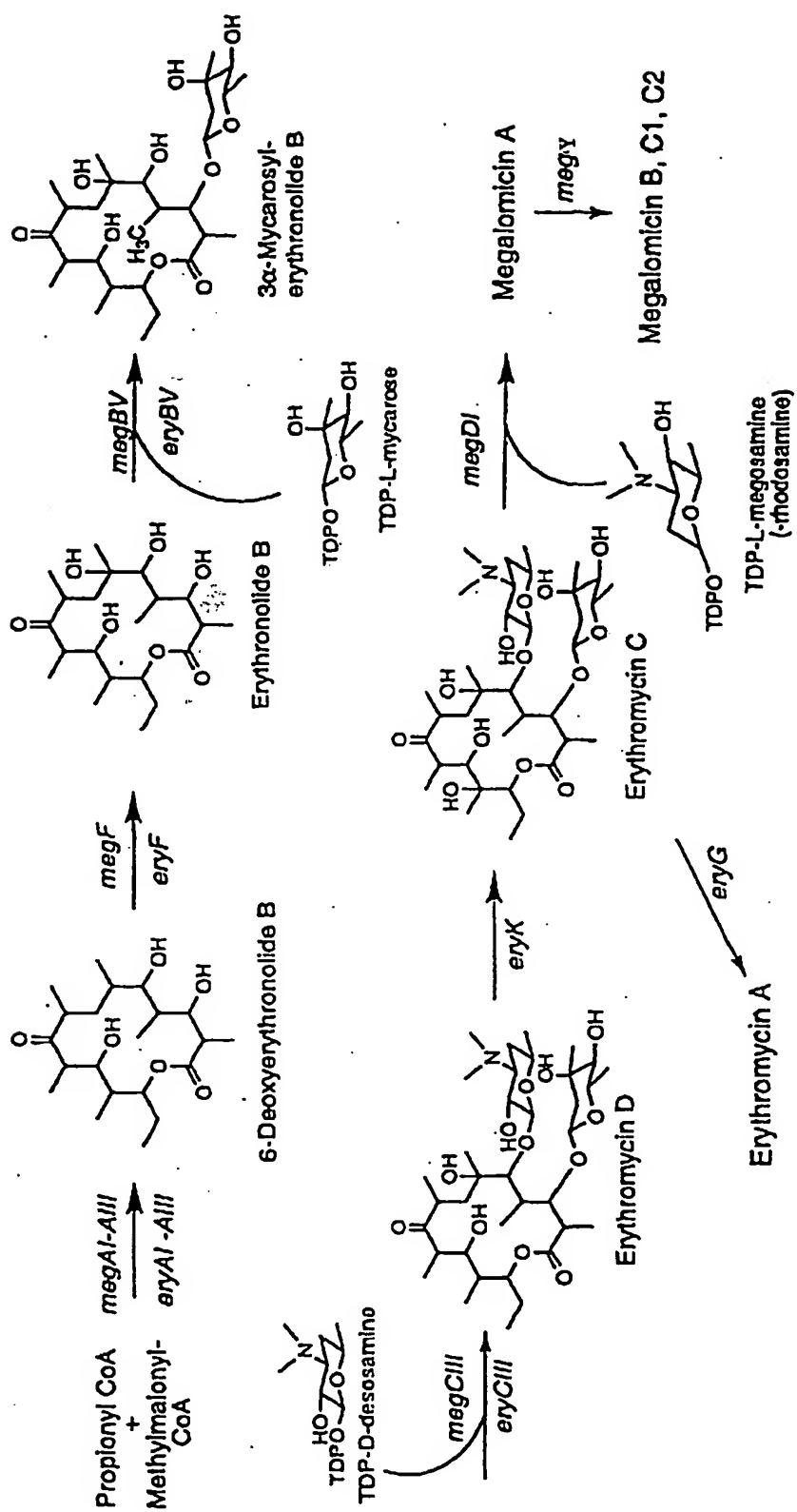
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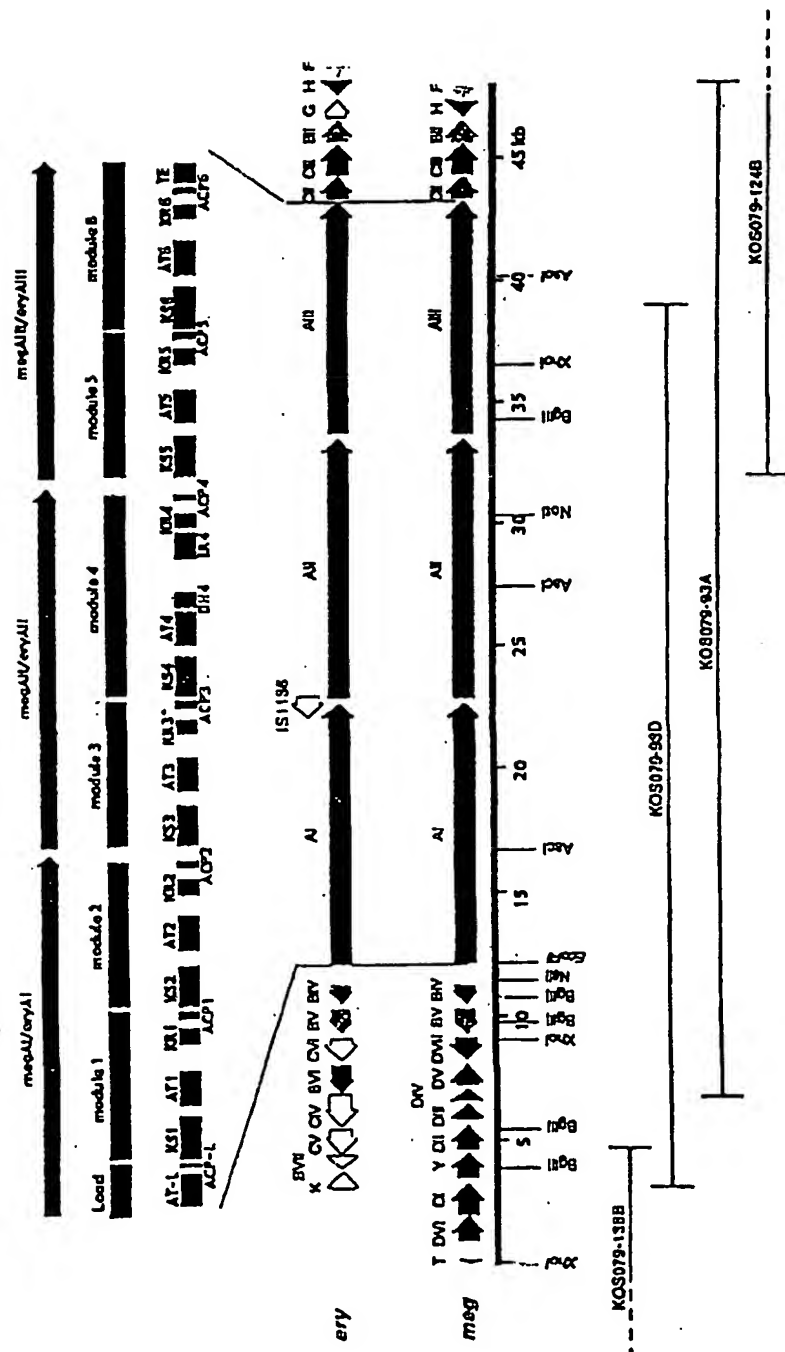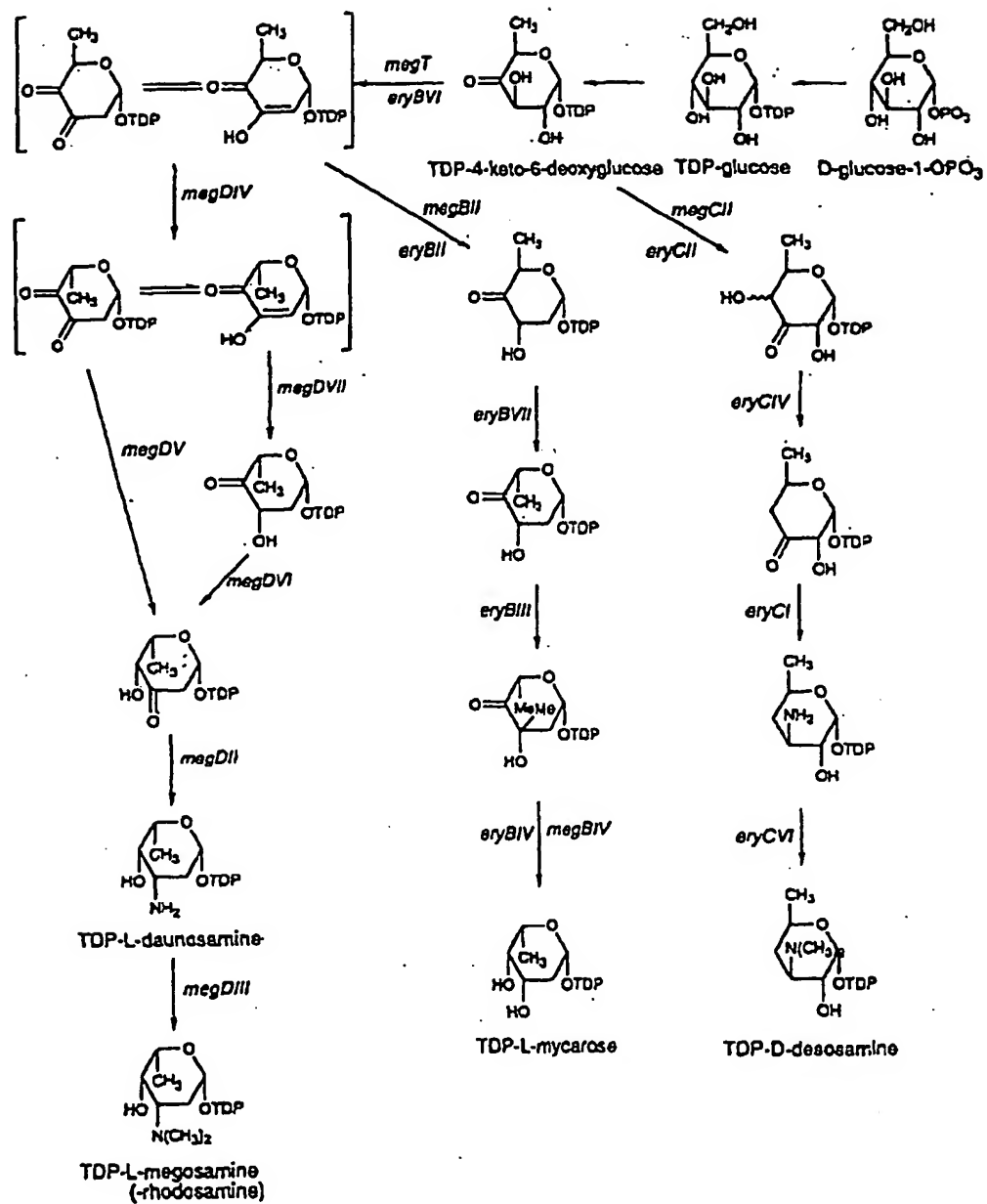
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65                  70                  75                  80
Ser Ala Ala Met Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Arg Asn Asp Pro Gly Arg Glu
                85                  90                  95
Leu His Gln Gly Asp Met Arg Asp Phe Ser Leu Asp Arg Arg Phe Asp
            100                 105                 110
Val Val Thr Cys Met Phe Ser Ser Thr Gly Tyr Leu Val Asp Glu Ala
        115                 120                 125
Glu Leu Asp Arg Ala Val Ala Asn Leu Ala Gly His Leu Ala Pro Gly
        130                 135                 140
Gly Thr Leu Val Val Glu Pro Trp Trp Phe Pro Glu Thr Phe Arg Pro
145                 150                 155                 160
Gly Trp Val Gly Ala Asp Leu Val Thr Ser Gly Asp Arg Arg Ile Ser
                165                 170                 175
Arg Met Ser His Thr Val Pro Ala Gly Leu Pro Asp Arg Thr Ala Ser
            180                 185                 190
Arg Met Thr Ile His Tyr Thr Val Gly Ser Pro Glu Ala Gly Ile Glu
            195                 200                 205
His Phe Thr Glu Val His Val Met Thr Leu Phe Ala Arg Ala Ala Tyr
        210                 215                 220
Glu Gln Ala Phe Gln Arg Ala Gly Leu Ser Cys Ser Tyr Val Gly His
225                 230                 235                 240
Asp Leu Phe Ser Pro Gly Leu Phe Val Gly Val Ala Ala Glu Pro Gly
                245                 250                 255
Arg
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<210> 8
<211> 201
<212> PRT
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea

<400> 8

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Met Arg Val Glu Glu Leu Gly Ile Glu Gly Val Phe Thr Phe Thr Pro
1               5                   10                  15
Gln Thr Phe Ala Asp Glu Arg Gly Val Phe Gly Thr Ala Tyr Gln Glu
            20                  25                  30
Asp Val Phe Val Ala Ala Leu Gly Arg Pro Leu Phe Pro Val Ala Gln
        35                  40                  45
Val Ser Thr Thr Arg Ser Arg Arg Gly Val Val Arg Gly Val His Phe
        50                  55                  60
Thr Thr Met Pro Gly Ser Met Ala Lys Tyr Val Tyr Cys Ala Arg Gly
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65                    70                    75                    80
Arg Ala Met Asp Phe Ala Val Asp Ile Arg Pro Gly Ser Pro Thr Phe
                85                    90                    95
Gly Arg Ala Glu Pro Val Glu Leu Ser Ala Glu Ser Met Val Gly Leu
            100                   105                   110
Tyr Leu Pro Val Gly Met Gly His Leu Phe Val Ser Leu Glu Asp Asp
        115                   120                   125
Thr Thr Leu Val Tyr Leu Met Ser Ala Gly Tyr Val Pro Asp Lys Glu
    130                   135                    ·140·
Arg Ala Val His Pro Leu Asp Pro Glu Leu Ala Leu Pro Ile Pro Ala
145                   150                   155                   160
Asp Leu Asp Leu Val Met Ser Glu Arg Asp Arg Val Ala Pro Thr Leu
                165                   170                   175
Arg Glu Ala Arg Asp Gln Gly Ile Leu Pro Asp Tyr Ala Ala Cys Arg
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Ala Ala Ala His Arg Val Val Arg Thr
            195                   200


<210> 9
<211> 328
<212> PRT
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea


<400> 9
Met Val Val Leu Gly Ala Ser Gly Phe Leu Gly Ser Ala Val Thr His
1               5                   10                  15
Ala Leu Ala Asp Leu Pro Val Arg Val Arg Leu Val Ala Arg Arg Glu
            20                  25 ·                30
Val Val Val Pro Ser Gly Ala Val Ala Asp Tyr Glu Thr His Arg Val
        35                  40                  45
Asp Leu Thr Glu Pro Gly Ala Leu Ala Glu Val Val Ala Asp Ala Arg
    50      ·           55                  60
Ala Val Phe Pro Phe Ala Ala Gln Ile Arg Gly Thr Ser Gly Trp Arg
65                  70                  75                  80
Ile Ser Glu Asp Asp Val Val Ala Glu Arg Thr Asn Val Gly Leu Val
                85                  90                  95
Arg Asp Leu Ile Ala Val Leu Ser Arg Ser Pro His Ala Pro Val Val
            100                 105                 110
Val Phe Pro Gly Ser Asn Thr Gln Val Gly Arg Val Thr Ala Gly Arg
        115                 120                 125
Val Ile Asp Gly Ser Glu Gln Asp His Pro Glu Gly Val Tyr Asp Arg
    130                 135                 140
Gln Lys His Thr Gly Glu Gln Leu Leu Lys Glu Ala Thr Ala Ala Gly
145                 150                 155                 160
Ala Ile Arg Ala Thr Ser Leu Arg Leu Pro Pro Val Phe Gly Val Pro
                165                 170                 175
Ala Ala Gly Thr Ala Asp Asp Arg Gly Val Val Ser Thr Met Ile Arg
            180                 185                 190
Arg Ala Leu Thr Gly Gln Pro Leu Thr Met Trp His Asp Gly Thr Val
        195                 200                 205
Arg Arg Glu Leu Leu Tyr Val Thr Asp Ala Ala Arg Ala Phe Val Thr
    210                 215                 220
Ala Leu Asp His Ala Asp Ala Leu Ala Gly Arg His Phe Leu Leu Gly
225                 230                 235                 240
Thr Gly Arg Ser Trp Pro Leu Gly Glu Val Phe Gln Ala Val Ser Arg
        ·           245                 250                  .255
Ser Val Ala Arg His Thr Gly Glu Asp Pro Val Pro Val Val Ser Val
            260                 265                 270
Pro Pro Pro Ala His Met Asp Pro Ser Asp Leu Arg Ser Val Glu Val
    -275                 280                 285
Asp Pro Ala Arg Phe Thr Ala Val Thr Gly Trp Arg Ala Thr Val Thr
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            290                 295                 300
Met Ala Glu Ala Val Asp Arg Thr Val Ala Ala Leu Ala Pro Arg Arg
305                 310                 315                 320
Ala Ala Ala Pro Ser Glu Pro Ser
                325


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<211> 330
<212> PRT
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea

<400> 10
Met Gly Thr Thr Gly Ala Gly Ser Ala Arg Val Arg Val Gly Arg Ser
1               5                   10                  15
Ala Leu His Thr Ser Arg Leu Trp Leu Gly Thr Val Asn Phe Ser Gly
            20                  25                  30
Arg Val Thr Asp Asp Asp Ala Leu Arg Leu Met Asp His Ala Leu Glu
        35                  40                  45
Arg Gly Val Asn Cys Ile Asp Thr Ala Asp Ile Tyr Gly Trp Arg Leu
    50                  55                  60
Tyr Lys Gly His Thr Glu Glu Leu Val Gly Arg Trp Phe Ala Gln Gly
65                  70                  75                  80
Gly Gly Arg Arg Glu Glu Thr Val Leu Ala Thr Lys Val Gly Ser Glu
                85                  90                  95
Met Ser Glu Arg Val Asn Asp Gly Gly Leu Ser Ala Arg His Ile Val
            100                 105                 110
Ala Ala Cys Glu Asn Ser Leu Arg Arg Leu Gly Val Asp His Ile Asp
            115                 120                 125
Ile Tyr Gln Thr His His Ile Asp Arg Ala Ala Pro Trp Asp Glu Val
        130                 135                 140
Trp Gln Ala Ala Glu His Leu Val Gly Ser Gly Lys Val Gly Tyr Val
145                 150                 155                 160
Gly Ser Ser Asn Leu Ala Gly Trp His Ile Ala Ala Ala Gln Glu Ser
                165                 170                 175
Ala Ala Arg Arg Asn Leu Leu Gly Met Ile Ser His Gln Cys Leu Tyr
            180                 185                 190
Asn Leu Ala Val Arg His Pro Glu Leu Asp Val Leu Pro Ala Ala Gln
        195                 200                 205
Ala Tyr Gly Val Gly Val Phe Ala Trp Ser Pro Leu His Gly Gly Leu
    210                 215                 220
Leu Ser Gly Val Leu Glu Lys Leu Ala Ala Gly Thr Ala Val Lys Ser
225                 230                 235                 240
Ala Gln Gly Arg Ala Gln Val Leu Leu Pro Ala Val Arg Pro Leu Val
            245                 250                 255
Glu Ala Tyr Glu Asp Tyr Cys Arg Arg Leu Gly Ala Asp Pro Ala Glu
            260                 265                 270
Val Gly Leu Ala Trp Val Leu Ser Arg Pro Gly Ile Leu Gly Ala Val
        275                 280                 285
Ile Gly Pro Arg Thr Pro Glu Gln Leu Asp Ser Ala Leu Arg Ala Ala
    290                 295                 300
Glu Leu Thr Leu Gly Glu Glu Glu Leu Arg Glu Leu Glu Ala Ile Phe
305                 310                 315                 320
Pro Ala Pro Ala Val Asp Gly Pro Val Pro
                325                 330


<210> 11
<211> 417
<212> PRT
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea

<400> 11
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Met Arg Val Leu Leu Thr Ser Phe Ala His Arg Thr His Phe Gln Gly
1               5               10              15
Leu Val Pro Leu Ala Trp Ala Leu His Thr Ala Gly His Asp Val Arg
            20              25              30
Val Ala Ser Gln Pro Glu Leu Thr Asp Val Val Val Gly Ala Gly Leu
        35              40              45
Thr Ser Val Pro Leu Gly Ser Asp His Arg Leu Phe Asp Ile Ser Pro
    50              55              60
Glu Ala Ala Ala Gln Val His Arg Tyr Thr Thr Asp Leu Asp Phe Ala
65              70              75              80
Arg Arg Gly Pro Glu Leu Arg Ser Trp Glu Phe Leu His Gly Ile Glu
            85              90              95
Glu Ala Thr Ser Arg Phe Val Phe Pro Val Val Asn Asn Asp Ser Phe
        100             105             110
Val Asp Glu Leu Val Glu Phe Ala Met Asp Trp Arg Pro Asp Leu Val
    115             120             125
Leu Trp Glu Pro Phe Thr Phe Ala Gly Ala Val Ala Ala Lys Ala Cys
    130             135             140
Gly Ala Ala His Ala Arg Leu Leu Trp Gly Ser Asp Leu Thr Gly Tyr
145             150             155             160
Phe Arg Ser Arg Ser Gln Asp Leu Arg Gly Gln Arg Pro Ala Asp Asp
            165             170             175
Arg Pro Asp Pro Leu Gly Gly Trp Leu Thr Glu Val Ala Gly Arg Phe
            180             185             190
Gly Leu Asp Tyr Ser Glu Asp Leu Ala Val Gly Gln Trp Ser Val Asp
        195             200             205
Gln Leu Pro Glu Ser Phe Arg Leu Glu Thr Gly Leu Glu Ser Val His
    210             215             220
Thr Arg Thr Leu Pro Tyr Asn Gly Ser Ser Val Val Pro Gln Trp Leu
225             230             235             240
Arg Thr Ser Asp Gly Val Arg Arg Val Cys Phe Thr Gly Gly Tyr Ser
            245             250             255
Ala Leu Gly Ile Thr Ser Asn Pro Gln Glu Phe Leu Arg Thr Leu Ala
        260             265             270
Thr Leu Ala Arg Phe Asp Gly Glu Ile Val Val Thr Arg Ser Gly Leu
    275             280             285
Asp Pro Ala Ser Val Pro Asp Asn Val Arg Leu Val Asp Phe Val Pro
    290             295             300
Met Asn Ile Leu Leu Pro Gly Cys Ala Ala Val Ile His His Gly Gly
305             310             315             320
Ala Gly Ser Trp Ala Thr Ala Leu His His Gly Val Pro Gln Ile Ser
            325             330             335
Val Ala His Glu Trp Asp Cys Val Leu Arg Gly Gln Arg Thr Ala Glu
            340             345             350
Leu Gly Ala Gly Val Phe Leu Arg Pro Asp Glu Val Asp Ala Asp Thr
    355             360             365
Leu Trp Gln Ala Leu Ala Thr Val Val Glu Asp Arg Ser His Ala Glu
    370             375             380
Asn Ala Glu Lys Leu Arg Gln Glu Ala Leu Ala Ala Pro Thr Pro Ala
385             390             395             400
Glu Val Val Pro Val Leu Glu Ala Leu Ala His Gln His Arg Ala Asp
            405             410             415
Arg
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<210> 12
<211> 313
<212> PRT
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea

<400> 12

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Met Thr Arg His Val Thr Leu Leu Gly Val Ser Gly Phe Val Gly Ser
1               5                   10                  15
Ala Leu Leu Arg Glu Phe Thr Thr His Pro Leu Arg Leu Arg Ala Val
            20                  25                  30
Ala Arg Thr Gly Ser Arg Asp Gln Pro Pro Gly Ser Ala Gly Ile Glu
        35                  40                  45
His Leu Arg Val Asp Leu Leu Glu Pro Gly Arg Val Ala Gln Val Val
    50                  55                  60
Ala Asp Thr Asp Val Val Val His Leu Val Ala Tyr Ala Ala Gly Gly
65                  70                  75                  80
Ser Thr Trp Arg Ser Ala Ala Thr Val Pro Glu Ala Glu Arg Val Asn
            85                  90                  95
Ala Gly Ile Met Arg Asp Leu Val Ala Ala Leu Arg Ala Arg Pro Gly
            100                 105                 110
Pro Ala Pro Val Leu Leu Phe Ala Ser Thr Thr Gln Ala Ala Asn Pro
        115                 120                 125
Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg Tyr Ala Gln His Lys Ile Glu Ala Glu Arg Ile
    130                 135                 140
Leu Arg Gln Ala Thr Glu Asp Gly Val Val Asp Gly Val Ile Leu Arg
145                 150                 155                 160
Leu Pro Ala Ile Tyr Gly His Ser Gly Pro Ser Gly Gln Thr Gly Arg
                165                 170                 175
Gly Val Val Thr Ala Met Ile Arg Arg Ala Leu Ala Gly Glu Pro Ile
            180                 185                 190
Thr Met Trp His Glu Gly Ser Val Arg Arg Asn Leu Leu His Val Glu
        195                 200                 205
Asp Val Ala Thr Ala Phe Thr Ala Ala Leu His Asn His Glu Ala Leu
    210                 215                 220
Val Gly Asp Val Trp Thr Pro Ser Ala Asp Glu Ala Arg Pro Leu Gly
225                 230                 235                 240
Glu Ile Phe Glu Thr Val Ala Ala Ser Val Ala Arg Gln Thr Gly Asn
            245                 250                 255
Pro Ala Val Pro Val Val Ser Val Pro Pro Pro Glu Asn Ala Glu Ala
        260                 265                 270
Asn Asp Phe Arg Ser Asp Asp Phe Asp Ser Thr Glu Phe Arg Thr Leu
    275                 280                 285
Thr Gly Trp His Pro Arg Val Pro Leu Ala Glu Gly Ile Asp Arg Thr
    290                 295                 300
Val Ala Ala Leu Ile Ser Thr Lys Glu
305                 310
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<210> 13
<211> 3546
<212> PRT
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea

<400> 13

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Met Val Asp Val Pro Asp Leu Leu Gly Thr Arg Thr Pro His Pro Gly
1               5                   10                  15
Pro Leu Pro Phe Pro Trp Pro Leu Cys Gly His Asn Glu Pro Glu Leu
            20                  25                  30
Arg Ala Arg Ala Arg Gln Leu His Ala Tyr Leu Glu Gly Ile Ser Glu
        35                  40                  45
Asp Asp Val Val Ala Val Gly Ala Ala Leu Ala Arg Glu Thr Arg Ala
    50                  55                  60
Gln Asp Gly Pro His Arg Ala Val Val Val Ala Ser Ser Val Thr Glu
65                  70                  75                  80
Leu Thr Ala Ala Leu Ala Ala Leu Ala Gln Gly Arg Pro His Pro Ser
            85                  90                  95
Val Val Arg Gly Val Ala Arg Pro Thr Ala Pro Val Val Phe Val Leu
        100                 105                 110
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Pro Gly Gln Gly Ala Gln Trp Pro Gly Met Ala Thr Arg Leu Leu Ala
    115                     120                 125
Glu Ser Pro Val Phe Ala Ala Ala Met Arg Ala Cys Glu Arg Ala Phe
    130             135                 140
Asp Glu Val Thr Asp Trp Ser Leu Thr Glu Val Leu Asp Ser Pro Glu
145                 150                 155                 160
His Leu Arg Arg Val Glu Val Val Gln Pro Ala Leu Phe Ala Val Gln
            165                 170                 175
Thr Ser Leu Ala Ala Leu Trp Arg Ser Phe Gly Val Arg Pro Asp Ala
        180                 185                 190
Val Leu Gly His Ser Ile Gly Glu Leu Ala Ala Ala Glu Val Cys Gly
        195                 200                 205
Ala Val Asp Val Glu Ala Ala Ala Arg Ala Ala Ala Leu Trp Ser Arg
    210             215                 220
Glu Met Val Pro Leu Val Gly Arg Gly Asp Met Ala Ala Val Ala Leu
225                 230                 235                 240
Ser Pro Ala Glu Leu Ala Ala Arg Val Glu Arg Trp Asp Asp Asp Val
            245                 250                 255
Val Pro Ala Gly Val Asn Gly Pro Arg Ser Val Leu Leu Thr Gly Ala
        260                 265                 270
Pro Glu Pro Ile Ala Arg Arg Val Ala Glu Leu Ala Ala Gln Gly Val
        275                 280                 285
Arg Ala Gln Val Val Asn Val Ser Met Ala Ala His Ser Ala Gln Val
    290                 295                 300
Asp Ala Val Ala Glu Gly Met Arg Ser Ala Leu Thr Trp Phe Ala Pro
305                 310                 315                 320
Gly Asp Ser Asp Val Pro Tyr Tyr Ala Gly Leu Thr Gly Gly Arg Leu
            325                 330                 335
Asp Thr Arg Glu Leu Gly Ala Asp His Trp Pro Arg Ser Phe Arg Leu
        340                 345                 350
Pro Val Arg Phe Asp Glu Ala Thr Arg Ala Val Leu Glu Leu Gln Pro
        355                 360                 365
Gly Thr Phe Ile Glu Ser Ser Pro His Pro Val Leu Ala Ala Ser Leu
    370                 375                 380
Gln Gln Thr Leu Asp Glu Val Gly Ser Pro Ala Ala Ile Val Pro Thr
385                 390                 395                 400
Leu Gln Arg Asp Gln Gly Gly Leu Arg Arg Phe Leu Leu Ala Val Ala
            405                 410                 415
Gln Ala Tyr Thr Gly Gly Val Thr Val Asp Trp Thr Ala Ala Tyr Pro
        420                 425                 430
Gly Val Thr Pro Gly His Leu Pro Ser Ala Val Ala Val Glu Thr Asp
        435                 440                 445
Glu Gly Pro Ser Thr Glu Phe Asp Trp Ala Ala Pro Asp His Val Leu
    450                 455                 460
Arg Ala Arg Leu Leu Glu Ile Val Gly Ala Glu Thr Ala Ala Leu Ala
465                 470                 475                 480
Gly Arg Glu Val Asp Ala Arg Ala Thr Phe Arg Glu Leu Gly Leu Asp
            485                 490                 495
Ser Val Leu Ala Val Gln Leu Arg Thr Arg Leu Ala Thr Ala Thr Gly
        500                 505                 510
Arg Asp Leu His Ile Ala Met Leu Tyr Asp His Pro Thr Pro His Ala
    515                 520                 525
Leu Thr Glu Ala Leu Leu Arg Gly Pro Gln Glu Glu Pro Gly Arg Gly
    530                 535                 540
Glu Glu Thr Ala His Pro Thr Glu Ala Glu Pro Asp Glu Pro Val Ala
545                 550                 555                 560
Val Val Ala Met Ala Cys Arg Leu Pro Gly Gly Val Thr Ser Pro Glu
            565                 570                 575
Glu Phe Trp Glu Leu Leu Ala Glu Gly Arg Asp Ala Val Gly Gly Leu
        580                 585                 590
Pro Thr Asp Arg Gly Trp Asp Leu Asp Ser Leu Phe His Pro Asp Pro
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                    595                      600                      605
Thr Arg Ser Gly Thr Ala His Gln Arg Ala Gly Gly Phe Leu Thr Gly
    610                      615                      620
Ala Thr Ser Phe Asp Ala Ala Phe Phe Gly Leu Ser Pro Arg Glu Ala
625                      630                      635                      640
Leu Ala Val Glu Pro Gln Gln Arg Ile Thr Leu Glu Leu Ser Trp Glu
                645                      650                      655
Val Leu Glu Arg Ala Gly Ile Pro Pro Thr Ser Leu Arg Thr Ser Arg
                660                      665                      670
Thr Gly Val Phe Val Gly Leu Ile Pro Gln Glu Tyr Gly Pro Arg Leu
        675                      680                      685
Ala Glu Gly Gly Glu Gly Val Glu Gly Tyr Leu Met Thr Gly Thr Thr
    690                      695                      700
Thr Ser Val Ala Ser Gly Arg Val Ala Tyr Thr Leu Gly Leu Glu Gly
705                      710                      715                      720
Pro Ala Ile Ser Val Asp Thr Ala Cys Ser Ser Leu Val Ala Val
                725                      730                      735
His Leu Ala Cys Gln Ser Leu Arg Arg Gly Glu Ser Thr Met Ala Leu
            740                      745                      750
Ala Gly Gly Val Thr Val Met Pro Thr Pro Gly Met Leu Val Asp Phe
        755                      760                      765
Ser Arg Met Asn Ser Leu Ala Pro Asp Gly Arg Ser Lys Ala Phe Ser
    770                      775                      780
Ala Ala Ala Asp Gly Phe Gly Met Ala Glu Gly Ala Gly Met Leu Leu
785                      790                      795                      800
Leu Glu Arg Leu Ser Asp Ala Arg Arg His Gly His Pro Val Leu Ala
                805                      810                      815
Val Ile Arg Gly Thr Ala Val Asn Ser Asp Gly Ala Ser Asn Gly Leu
            820                      825                      830
Ser Ala Pro Asn Gly Arg Ala Gln Val Arg Val Ile Arg Gln Ala Leu
        835                      840                      845
Ala Glu Ser Gly Leu Thr Pro His Thr Val Asp Val Val Glu Thr His
    850                      855                      860
Gly Thr Gly Thr Arg Leu Gly Asp Pro Ile Glu Ala Arg Ala Leu Ser
865                      870                      875                      880
Asp Ala Tyr Gly Gly Asp Arg Glu His Pro Leu Arg Ile Gly Ser Val
            885                      890                      895
Lys Ser Asn Ile Gly His Thr Gln Ala Ala Ala Gly Val Ala Gly Leu
        900                      905                      910
Ile Lys Leu Val Leu Ala Met Gln Ala Gly Val Leu Pro Arg Thr Leu
    915                      920                      925
His Ala Asp Glu Pro Ser Pro Glu Ile Asp Trp Ser Ser Gly Ala Ile
    930                      935                      940
Ser Leu Leu Gln Glu Pro Ala Ala Trp Pro Ala Gly Glu Arg Pro Arg
945                      950                      955                      960
Arg Ala Gly Val Ser Ser Phe Gly Ile Ser Gly Thr Asn Ala His Ala
                965                      970                      975
Ile Ile Glu Glu Ala Pro Pro Thr Gly Asp Asp Thr Arg Pro Asp Arg
            980                      985                      990
Met Gly Pro Val Val Pro Trp Val Leu Ser Ala Ser Thr Gly Glu Ala
        995                      1000                     1005
Leu Arg Ala Arg Ala Ala Arg Leu Ala Gly His Leu Arg Glu His Pro
    1010                     1015                     1020
Asp Gln Asp Leu Asp Asp Val Ala Tyr Ser Leu Ala Thr Gly Arg Ala
1025                     1030                     1035                     1040
Ala Leu Ala Tyr Arg Ser Gly Phe Val Pro Ala Asp Ala Ser Thr Ala
            1045                     1050                     1055
Leu Arg Ile Leu Asp Glu Leu Ala Ala Gly Gly Ser Gly Asp Ala Val
        1060                     1065                     1070
Thr Gly Thr Ala Arg Ala Pro Gln Arg Val Val Phe Val Phe Pro Gly
    1075                     1080                     1085
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Gln Gly Trp Gln Trp Ala Gly Met Ala Val Asp Leu Leu Asp Gly Asp
    1090            1095            1100
Pro Val Phe Ala Ser Val Leu Arg Glu Cys Ala Asp Ala Leu Glu Pro
1105            1110            1115            1120
Tyr Leu Asp Phe Glu Ile Val Pro Phe Leu Arg Ala Glu Ala Gln Arg
            1125            1130            1135
Arg Thr Pro Asp His Thr Leu Ser Thr Asp Arg Val Asp Val Val Gln
        1140            1145            1150
Pro Val Leu Phe Ala Val Met Val Ser Leu Ala Ala Arg Trp Arg Ala
    1155            1160            1165
Tyr Gly Val Glu Pro Ala Ala Val Ile Gly His Ser Gln Gly Glu Ile
    1170            1175            1180
Ala Ala Ala Cys Val Ala Gly Ala Leu Ser Leu Asp Asp Ala Ala Arg
1185            1190            1195            1200
Ala Val Ala Leu Arg Ser Arg Val Ile Ala Thr Met Pro Gly Asn Gly
        1205            1210            1215
Ala Met Ala Ser Ile Ala Ala Ser Val Asp Glu Val Ala Ala Arg Ile
        1220            1225            1230
Asp Gly Arg Val Glu Ile Ala Ala Val Asn Gly Pro Arg Ala Val Val
    1235            1240            1245
Val Ser Gly Asp Arg Asp Asp Leu Asp Arg Leu Val Ala Ser Cys Thr
    1250            1255            1260
Val Glu Gly Val Arg Ala Lys Arg Leu Pro Val Asp Tyr Ala Ser His
1265            1270            1275            1280
Ser Ser His Val Glu Ala Val Arg Asp Ala Leu His Ala Glu Leu Gly
            1285            1290            1295
Glu Phe Arg Pro Leu Pro Gly Phe Val Pro Phe Tyr Ser Thr Val Thr
            1300            1305            1310
Gly Arg Trp Val Glu Pro Ala Glu Leu Asp Ala Gly Tyr Trp Phe Arg
        1315            1320            1325
Asn Leu Arg His Arg Val Arg Phe Ala Asp Ala Val Arg Ser Leu Ala
    1330            1335            1340
Asp Gln Gly Tyr Thr Thr Phe Leu Glu Val Ser Ala His Pro Val Leu
1345            1350            1355            1360
Thr Thr Ala Ile Glu Glu Ile Gly Glu Asp Arg Gly Gly Asp Leu Val
            1365            1370            1375
Ala Val His Ser Leu Arg Arg Gly Ala Gly Gly Pro Val Asp Phe Gly
        1380            1385            1390
Ser Ala Leu Ala Arg Ala Phe Val Ala Gly Val Ala Val Asp Trp Glu
    1395            1400            1405
Ser Ala Tyr Gln Gly Ala Gly Ala Arg Arg Val Pro Leu Pro Thr Tyr
    1410            1415            1420
Pro Phe Gln Arg Glu Arg Phe Trp Leu Glu Pro Asn Pro Ala Arg Arg
1425            1430            1435            1440
Val Ala Asp Ser Asp Asp Val Ser Ser Leu Arg Tyr Arg Ile Glu Trp
            1445            1450            1455
His Pro Thr Asp Pro Gly Glu Pro Gly Arg Leu Asp Gly Thr Trp Leu
        1460            1465            1470
Leu Ala Thr Tyr Pro Gly Arg Ala Asp Asp Arg Val Glu Ala Ala Arg
    1475            1480            1485
Gln Ala Leu Glu Ser Ala Gly Ala Arg Val Glu Asp Leu Val Val Glu
    1490            1495            1500
Pro Arg Thr Gly Arg Val Asp Leu Val Arg Arg Leu Asp Ala Val Gly
1505            1510            1515            1520
Pro Val Ala Gly Val Leu Cys Leu Phe Ala Val Ala Glu Pro Ala Ala
            1525            1530            1535
Glu His Ser Pro Leu Ala Val Thr Ser Leu Ser Asp Thr Leu Asp Leu
        1540            1545            1550
Thr Gln Ala Val Ala Gly Ser Gly Arg Glu Cys Pro Ile Trp Val Val
    1555            1560            1565
Thr Glu Asn Ala Val Ala Val Gly Pro Phe Glu Arg Leu Arg Asp Pro
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           1570              1575                 1580
Ala His Gly Ala Leu Trp Ala Leu Gly Arg Val Val Ala Leu Glu Asn
1585                1590                1595                1600
Pro Ala Val Trp Gly Gly Leu Val Asp Val Pro Ser Gly Ser Val Ala
           1605                1610                1615
Glu Leu Ser Arg His Leu Gly Thr Thr Leu Ser Gly Ala Gly Glu Asp
           1620                1625                1630
Gln Val Ala Leu Arg Pro Asp Gly Thr Tyr Ala Arg Arg Trp Cys Arg
         1635                1640                1645
Ala Gly Ala Gly Gly Thr Gly Arg Trp Gln Pro Arg Gly Thr Val Leu
         1650                1655                1660
Val Thr Gly Gly Thr Gly Gly Val Gly Arg His Val Ala Arg Trp Leu
1665                1670                1675                1680
Ala Arg Gln Gly Thr Pro Cys Leu Val Leu Ala Ser Arg Arg Gly Pro
           1685                1690                1695
Asp Ala Asp Gly Val Glu Glu Leu Leu Thr Glu Leu Ala Asp Leu Gly
           1700                1705                1710
Thr Arg Ala Thr Val Thr Ala Cys Asp Val Thr Asp Arg Glu Gln Leu
           1715                1720                1725
Arg Ala Leu Leu Ala Thr Val Asp Asp Glu His Pro Leu Ser Ala Val
           1730                1735                1740
Phe His Val Ala Ala Thr Leu Asp Asp Gly Thr Val Glu Thr Leu Thr
1745                1750                1755                1760
Gly Asp Arg Ile Glu Arg Ala Asn Arg Ala Lys Val Leu Gly Ala Arg
           1765                1770                1775
Asn Leu His Glu Leu Thr Arg Asp Ala Asp Leu Asp Ala Phe Val Leu
           1780                1785                1790
Phe Ser Ser Ser Thr Ala Ala Phe Gly Ala Pro Gly Leu Gly Gly Tyr
           1795                1800                1805
Val Pro Gly Asn Ala Tyr Leu Asp Gly Leu Ala Gln Gln Arg Arg Ser
           1810                1815                1820
Glu Gly Leu Pro Ala Thr Ser Val Ala Trp Gly Thr Trp Ala Gly Ser
1825                1830                1835                1840
Gly Met Ala Glu Gly Pro Val Ala Asp Arg Phe Arg Arg His Gly Val
           1845                1850                1855
Met Glu Met His Pro Asp Gln Ala Val Glu Gly Leu Arg Val Ala Leu
           1860                1865                1870
Val Gln Gly Glu Val Ala Pro Ile Val Val Asp Ile Arg Trp Asp Arg
           1875                1880                1885
Phe Leu Leu Ala Tyr Thr Ala Gln Arg Pro Thr Arg Leu Phe Asp Thr
           1890                1895                1900
Leu Asp Glu Ala Arg Arg Ala Ala Pro Gly Pro Asp Ala Gly Pro Gly
1905                1910                1915                1920
Val Ala Ala Leu Ala Gly Leu Pro Val Gly Glu Arg Glu Lys Ala Val
           1925                1930                1935
Leu Asp Leu Val Arg Thr His Ala Ala Ala Val Leu Gly His Ala Ser
           1940                1945                1950
Ala Glu Gln Val Pro Val Asp Arg Ala Phe Ala Glu Leu Gly Val Asp
           1955                1960                1965
Ser Leu Ser Ala Leu Glu Leu Arg Asn Arg Leu Thr Thr Ala Thr Gly
           1970                1975                1980
Val Arg Leu Ala Thr Thr Thr Val Phe Asp His Pro Asp Val Arg Thr
1985                1990                1995                2000
Leu Ala Gly His Leu Ala Ala Glu Leu Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Arg Glu
           2005                2010                2015
Arg Pro Gly Gly Glu Ala Pro Thr Val Ala Pro Thr Asp Glu Pro Ile
           2020                2025                2030
Ala Ile Val Gly Met Ala Cys Arg Leu Pro Gly Gly Val Asp Ser Pro
           2035                2040                2045
Glu Gln Leu Trp Glu Leu Ile Val Ser Gly Arg Asp Thr Ala Ser Ala
           2050                2055                2060
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Ala Pro Gly Asp Arg Ser Trp Asp Pro Ala Glu Leu Met Val Ser Asp
2065   2070   2075   2080
Thr Thr Gly Thr Arg Thr Ala Phe Gly Asn Phe Met Pro Gly Ala Gly
          2085   2090   2095
Glu Phe Asp Ala Ala Phe Phe Gly Ile Ser Pro Arg Glu Ala Leu Ala
          2100   2105   .   . 2110
Met Asp Pro Gln Gln Arg His Ala Leu Glu Thr Thr Trp Glu Ala Leu
          2115   2120   2125
Glu Asn Ala Gly Ile Arg Pro Glu Ser Leu Arg Gly Thr Asp Thr Gly
          2130   2135   2140   .   .
Val Phe Val Gly Met Ser His Gln Gly Tyr Ala Thr Gly Arg Pro Lys
2145   2150   2155   2160
Pro Glu Asp Glu Val Asp Gly Tyr Leu Leu Thr Gly Asn Thr Ala Ser
          2165   2170   2175
Val Ala Ser Gly Arg Ile Ala Tyr Val Leu Gly Leu Glu Gly Pro Ala
          2180   2185   2190
Ile Thr Val Asp Thr Ala Cys Ser Ser Ser Leu Val Ala Leu His Val
          2195   2200   2205
Ala Ala Gly Ser Leu Arg Ser Gly Asp Cys Gly Leu Ala Val Ala Gly
          2210   2215   2220
Gly Val Ser Val Met Ala Gly Pro Glu Val Phe Arg Glu Phe Ser Arg
2225   2230   2235   2240
Gln Gly Ala Leu Ala Pro Asp Gly Arg Cys Lys Pro Phe Ser Asp Glu
          2245   2250   ;   2255
Ala Asp Gly Phe Gly Leu Gly Glu Gly Ser Ala Phe Val Val Leu Gln
          2260   2265   2270
Arg Leu Ser Val Ala Val Arg Glu Gly Arg Arg Val Leu Gly Val Val
          2275   2280   2285
Val Gly Ser Ala Val Asn Gln Asp Gly Ala Ser Asn Gly Leu Ala Ala
          2290   2295   2300
Pro Ser Gly Val Ala Gln Gln Arg Val Ile Arg Arg Ala Trp Gly Arg
2305   ..   2310   2315   2320
Ala Gly Val Ser Gly Gly Asp Val Gly Val Val Glu Ala His Gly Thr
          2325   2330   2335
Gly Thr Arg Leu Gly Asp Pro Val Glu Leu Gly Ala Leu Leu Gly Thr
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        35                  40                  45
Pro Gln His Leu Trp Asp Leu Leu Arg Gln Gly His Glu Thr Val Ser
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65                  70                  75                  80
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                85                  90                  95
Asp Asp Val Ala Gly Phe Asp Ala Glu Phe Phe Gly Ile Ser Pro Arg
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Glu Ala Thr Ala Met Asp Pro Gln Gln Arg Leu Leu Leu Glu Thr Ser
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Pro Asp Arg Leu Gly Glu Ile Leu Glu Glu Val Val Gly Leu Leu Ala
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Gly Ala Thr Ile Glu Ile Val Ala Cys Asp Thr Ala Asp Arg Glu Ala
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Val Val His Thr Ala Gly Val Leu Ala Asp Gly Leu Val Thr Ser Ile
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Asp Gly Thr Ala Thr Asp Gln Val Leu Arg Ala Lys Val Asp Ala Ala
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Trp His Leu His Asp Leu Thr Arg Asp Ala Asp Leu Ser Phe Phe Val
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Leu Phe Ser Ser Ala Ala Ser Val Leu Ala Gly Pro Gly Gln Gly Val
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Tyr Ala Ala Ala Asn Gly Val Leu Asn Ala Leu Ala Gly Gln Arg Arg
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Val Ala Ala Leu Pro Thr Glu Arg Ala Leu Ala Leu Phe Asp Ala Ala
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Leu Leu Asp Arg Leu Val Gly Ala Pro Glu Thr Asp Gln Val Ala Ala
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Leu Ala Glu Leu Val Arg Ser His Ala Ala Ala Val Ala Gly Tyr Asp
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Ser Ala Asp Gln Leu Pro Glu Arg Lys Ala Phe Lys Asp Leu Gly Phe
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Gly Val Arg Leu Pro Ser Thr Leu Val Phe Asp His Pro Thr Pro Leu
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Ala Val Ala Glu His Leu Arg Ser Glu Leu Phe Ala Asp Ser Ala Pro
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Arg Phe Pro Gly Gly Val Asp Ser Pro Glu Ala Phe Trp Glu Phe Ile
     50              55              60
Arg Asp Gly Gly Asp Ala Ile Ala Glu Ala Pro Thr Asp Arg Gly Trp
65              70              75              80
Pro Pro Ala Pro Arg Pro Arg Leu Gly Gly Leu Leu Ala Glu Pro Gly
             85              90              95
Ala Phe Asp Ala Ala Phe Phe Gly Ile Ser Pro Arg Glu Ala Leu Ala
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Thr Asp Pro Gln Gln Arg Leu Met Leu Glu Ile Ser Trp Glu Ala Leu
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Glu Arg Ala Gly Phe Asp Pro Ser Ser Leu Arg Gly Ser Ala Gly Gly
     130             135             140
Val Phe Thr Gly Val Gly Ala Val Asp Tyr Gly Pro Arg Pro Asp Glu
145             150             155             160
Ala Pro Glu Glu Val Leu Gly Tyr Val Gly Ile Gly Thr Ala Ser Ser
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Val Ala Ser Gly Arg Val Ala Tyr Thr Leu Gly Leu Glu Gly Pro Ala
             180             185             190
Val Thr Val Asp Thr Ala Cys Ser Ser Gly Leu Thr Ala Val His Leu
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            195                     200                     205
Ala Met Glu Ser Leu Arg Arg Asp Glu Cys Thr Leu Val Leu Ala Gly
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Gly Val Thr Val Met Ser Ser Pro Gly Ala Phe Thr Glu Phe Arg Ser
225                     230                     235                     240
Gln Gly Gly Leu Ala Glu Asp Gly Arg Cys Lys Pro Phe Ser Arg Ala
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Ala Asp Gly Phe Gly Leu Ala Glu Gly Ala Gly Val Leu Val Leu Gln
            260                     265                     270
Arg Leu Ser Val Ala Arg Ala Glu Gly Arg Pro Val Leu Ala Val Leu
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Arg Gly Ser Ala Ile Asn Gln Asp Gly Ala Ser Asn Gly Leu Thr Ala
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Pro Ser Gly Pro Ala Gln Arg Arg Val Ile Arg Gln Ala Leu Glu Arg
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Ala Arg Leu Arg Pro Val Asp Val Asp Tyr Val Glu Ala His Gly Thr
                325                     330                     335
Gly Thr Arg Leu Gly Asp Pro Ile Glu Ala His Ala Leu Leu Asp Thr
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Tyr Gly Ala Asp Arg Glu Pro Gly Arg Pro Leu Trp Val Gly Ser Val
        355                     360                     365
Lys Ser Asn Ile Gly His Thr Gln Ala Ala Ala Gly Val Ala Gly Val
    370                     375                     380
Met Lys Thr Val Leu Ala Leu Arg His Arg Glu Ile Pro Ala Thr Leu
385                     390                     395                     400
His Phe Asp Glu Pro Ser Pro His Val Asp Trp Asp Arg Gly Ala Val
                405                     410                     415
Ser Val Val Ser Glu Thr Arg Pro Trp Pro Val Gly Glu Arg Pro Arg
            420                     425                     430
Arg Ala Gly Val Ser Ser Phe Gly Ile Ser Gly Thr Asn Ala His Val
        435                     440                     445
Ile Val Glu Glu Ala Pro Ser Pro Gln Ala Ala Asp Leu Asp Pro Thr
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Pro Gly Pro Ala Thr Gly Ala Thr Pro Gly Thr Asp Ala Ala Pro Thr
465                     470                     475                     480
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Glu Val Leu Ala Gly Leu Arg Ala Val Ala Gly Gly Arg Pro Val Asp
545                     550                     555                     560
Gly Ala Val Ser Gly Arg Ala Arg Ala Gly Arg Arg Val Val Leu Val
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Phe Pro Gly Gln Gly Ala Gln Trp Gln Gly Met Ala Arg Asp Leu Leu
            580                     585                     590
Arg Gln Ser Pro Thr Phe Ala Glu Ser Ile Asp Ala Cys Glu Arg Ala
        595                     600                     605
Leu Ala Pro His Val Asp Trp Ser Leu Arg Glu Val Leu Asp Gly Glu
    610                     615                     620
Gln Ser Leu Asp Pro Val Asp Val Val Gln Pro Val Leu Phe Ala Val
625                     630                     635                     640
Met Val Ser Leu Ala Arg Leu Trp Gln Ser Tyr Gly Val Thr Pro Gly
                645                     650                     655
Ala Val Val Gly His Ser Gln Gly Glu Ile Ala Ala Ala His Val Ala
            660                     665                     670
Gly Ala Leu Ser Leu Ala Asp Ala Ala Arg Val Val Ala Leu Arg Ser
        675                     680                     685
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Arg Val Leu Arg Arg Leu Gly Gly His Gly Gly Met Ala Ser Phe Gly
    690             695             700
Leu His Pro Asp Gln Ala Ala Glu Arg Ile Ala Arg Phe Ala Gly Ala
705             710             715             720
Leu Thr Val Ala Ser Val Asn Gly Pro Arg Ser Val Val Leu Ala Gly
            725             730             735
Glu Asn Gly Pro Leu Asp Glu Leu Ile Ala Glu Cys Glu Ala Glu Gly
            740             745             750
Val Thr Ala Arg Arg Ile Pro Val Asp Tyr Ala Ser His Ser Pro Gln
            755             760             765
Val Glu Ser Leu Arg Glu Glu Leu Leu Ala Ala Leu Ala Gly Val Arg
            770             775             780
Pro Val Ser Ala Gly Ile Pro Leu Tyr Ser Thr Leu Thr Gly Gln Val
785             790             795             800
Ile Glu Thr Ala Thr Met Asp Ala Asp Tyr Trp Phe Ala Asn Leu Arg
            805             810             815
Glu Pro Val Arg Phe Gln Asp Ala Thr Arg Gln Leu Ala Glu Ala Gly
            820             825             830
Phe Asp Ala Phe Val Glu Val Ser Pro His Pro Val Leu Thr Val Gly
    835             840             845
Val Glu Ala Thr Leu Glu Ala Val Leu Pro Pro Asp Ala Asp Pro Cys
    850             855             860
Val Thr Gly Thr Leu Arg Arg Glu Arg Gly Gly Leu Ala Gln Phe His
865             870             875             880
Thr Ala Leu Ala Glu Ala Tyr Thr Arg Gly Val Glu Val Asp Trp Arg
            885             890             895
Thr Ala Val Gly Glu Gly Arg Pro Val Asp Leu Pro Val Tyr Pro Phe
        900             905             910
Gln Arg Gln Asn Phe Trp Leu Pro Val Pro Leu Gly Arg Val Pro Asp
    915             920             925
Thr Gly Asp Glu Trp Arg Tyr Gln Leu Ala Trp His Pro Val Asp Leu
    930             935             940
Gly Arg Ser Ser Leu Ala Gly Arg Val Leu Val Val Thr Gly Ala Ala
945             950             955             960
Val Pro Pro Ala Trp Thr Asp Val Val Arg Asp Gly Leu Glu Gln Arg
            965             970             975
Gly Ala Thr Val Val Leu Cys Thr Ala Gln Ser Arg Ala Arg Ile Gly
        980             985             990
Ala Ala Leu Asp Ala Val Asp Gly Thr Ala Leu Ser Thr Val Val Ser
    995             1000            1005
Leu Leu Ala Leu Ala Glu Gly Gly Ala Val Asp Asp Pro Ser Leu Asp
    1010            1015            1020
Thr Leu Ala Leu Val Gln Ala Leu Gly Ala Ala Gly Ile Asp Val Pro
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Leu Trp Leu Val Thr Arg Asp Ala Ala Ala Val Thr Val Gly Asp Asp
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            1060            1065            1070
Val Glu Ser Pro Ala Arg Trp Gly Gly Leu Val Asp Leu Arg Glu Ala
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Asp Ala Asp Ser Ala Arg Ser Leu Ala Ala Ile Leu Ala Asp Pro Arg
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Gly Glu Glu Gln Phe Ala Ile Arg Pro Asp Gly Val Thr Val Ala Arg
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Leu Val Pro Ala Pro Ala Arg Ala Ala Gly Thr Arg Trp Thr Pro Arg
            1125            1130            1135
Gly Thr Val Leu Val Thr Gly Gly Thr Gly Gly Ile Gly Ala His Leu
            1140            1145            1150
Ala Arg Trp Leu Ala Gly Ala Gly Ala Glu His Leu Val Leu Leu Asn
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Arg Arg Gly Ala Glu Ala Ala Gly Ala Ala Asp Leu Arg Asp Glu Leu
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Val Ala Leu Gly Thr Gly Val Thr Ile Thr Ala Cys Asp Val Ala Asp
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              1205                 1210                 1215
Val Val Thr Ala Val Phe His Ala Ala Gly Ile Ser Arg Ser Thr Ala
              1220                 1225                 1230
Val Gln Glu Leu Thr Glu Ser Glu Phe Thr Glu Ile Thr Asp Ala Lys
         1235                 1240           ·   ·   1245
Val Arg Gly Thr Ala Asn Leu Ala Glu Leu Cys Pro Glu Leu Asp Ala
         1250                 1255                 1260
Leu Val Leu Phe Ser Ser Asn Ala Ala Val Trp Gly Ser Pro Gly Leu
1265              .   1270                 1275                 1280
Ala Ser Tyr Ala Ala Gly Asn Ala Phe Leu Asp Ala Phe Ala Arg Arg
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Gly Arg Arg Ser Gly Leu Pro Val Thr Ser Ile Ala Trp Gly Leu Trp
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Ala Gly Gln Asn Met Ala Gly Thr Glu Gly Gly Asp Tyr Leu Arg Ser
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Gln Gly Leu Arg Ala Met Asp Pro Gln Arg Ala Ile Glu Glu Leu Arg
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Thr Thr Leu Asp Ala Gly Asp Pro Trp Val Ser Val Val Asp Leu Asp
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Arg Glu Arg Phe Val Glu Leu Phe Thr Ala Ala Arg Arg Arg Pro Leu
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Phe Asp Glu Leu Gly Gly Val Arg Ala Gly Ala Glu Glu Thr Gly Gln
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Glu Ser Asp Leu Ala Arg Arg Leu Ala Ser Met Pro Glu Ala Glu Arg
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His Glu His Val Ala Arg Leu Val Arg Ala Glu Val Ala Ala Val Leu
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Gly His Gly Thr Pro Thr Val Ile Glu Arg Asp Val Ala Phe Arg Asp
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Pro Glu Ala Thr Thr Pro Ala Ala Ala Val Val Pro Gln Ala Pro Gly
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Glu Ala Asp Glu Pro Ile Ala Ile Val Gly Met Ala Cys Arg Leu Ala
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Gly Asp Ala Val Thr Glu Met Pro Ser Asp Arg Ser Trp Asp Leu Asp
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         1555                 1560                 1565
His Gly Ala Phe Leu Asp Gly Ala Ala Asp Phe Asp Ala Ala Phe Phe
         1570                 1575                 1580
Gly Ile Ser Pro Arg Glu Ala Leu Ala Met Asp Pro Gln Gln Arg Gln
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Val Leu Glu Thr Thr Trp Glu Leu Phe Glu Asn Ala Gly Ile Asp Pro
              1605                 1610                 1615
His Ser Leu Arg Gly Thr Asp Thr Gly Val Phe Leu Gly Ala Ala Tyr
         1620                 1625                 1630
Gln Gly Tyr Gly Gln Asn Ala Gln Val Pro Lys Glu Ser Glu Gly Tyr
         1635                 1640                 1645
Leu Leu Thr Gly Gly Ser Ser Ala Val Ala Ser Gly Arg Ile Ala Tyr
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            1685            1690            1695
Asp Cys Gly Leu Ala Val Ala Gly Gly Val Ser Val Met Ala Gly Pro
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Glu Val Phe Thr Glu Phe Ser Arg Gln Gly Ala Leu Ala Pro Asp Gly
            1715            1720            1725
Arg Cys Lys Pro Phe Ser Asp Gln Ala Asp Gly Phe Gly Phe Ala Glu
            1730            1735            1740
Gly Val Ala Val Val Leu Leu Gln Arg Leu Ser Val Ala Val Arg Glu
1745                1750            1755                1760
Gly Arg Arg Val Leu Gly Val Val Val Gly Ser Ala Val Asn Gln Asp
            1765            1770            1775
Gly Ala Ser Asn Gly Leu Ala Ala Pro Ser Gly Val Ala Gln Gln Arg
            1780            1785            1790
Val Ile Arg Arg Ala Trp Gly Arg Ala Gly Val Ser Gly Gly Asp Val
            1795            1800            1805
Gly Val Val Glu Ala His Gly Thr Gly Thr Arg Leu Gly Asp Pro Val
            1810            1815            1820
Glu Leu Gly Ala Leu Leu Gly Thr Tyr Gly Val Gly Arg Gly Gly Val
1825                1830            1835                1840
Gly Pro Val Val Val Gly Ser Val Lys Ala Asn Val Gly His Val Gln
            1845            1850            1855
Ala Ala Ala Gly Val Val Gly Val Ile Lys Val Val Leu Gly Leu Gly
            1860            1865            1870
Arg Gly Leu Val Gly Pro Met Val Cys Arg Gly Gly Leu Ser Gly Leu
            1875            1880            1885
Val Asp Trp Ser Ser Gly Gly Leu Val Val Ala Asp Gly Val Arg Gly
            1890            1895            1900
Trp Pro Val Gly Val Asp Gly Val Arg Arg Gly Gly Val Ser Ala Phe
1905                1910            1915                1920
Gly Val Ser Gly Thr Asn Ala His Val Val Val Ala Glu Ala Pro Gly
            1925            1930            1935
Ser Val Val Gly Ala Glu Arg Pro Val Glu Gly Ser Ser Arg Gly Leu
            1940            1945            1950
Val Gly Val Ala Gly Gly Val Val Pro Val Val Leu Ser Ala Lys Thr
            1955            1960            1965
Glu Thr Ala Leu Thr Glu Leu Ala Arg Arg Leu His Asp Ala Val Asp
            1970            1975            1980
Asp Thr Val Ala Leu Pro Ala Val Ala Ala Thr Leu Ala Thr Gly Arg
1985                1990            1995                2000
Ala His Leu Pro Tyr Arg Ala Ala Leu Leu Ala Arg Asp His Asp Glu
            2005            2010            2015
Leu Arg Asp Arg Leu Arg Ala Phe Thr Thr Gly Ser Ala Ala Pro Gly
            2020            2025            2030
Val Val Ser Gly Val Ala Ser Gly Gly Gly Val Val Phe Val Phe Pro
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Pro Ser Leu Asp Arg Val Asp Val Val Gln Pro Val Leu Phe Val Val
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Met Val Ser Leu Ala Arg Leu Trp Arg Trp Cys Gly Val Val Pro Ala
            2115            2120            2125
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Ile Ser Val Ala Ala Val Asn Ser Pro Thr Ser Val Val Val Ser Gly
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Ile Arg His Gly Arg Arg Leu Val Arg Ala Pro Leu Thr Thr Arg Asn
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Ala Leu Gly Gly His Val Ala Arg Tyr Leu Ala Arg Ser Gly Val Thr
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Leu Ala His Arg Arg Arg Gln Ala Gly Arg Ala Ala Thr Ser Val Ala
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Asp Val Asp Trp Asp Arg Phe Ala Val Gly Phe Thr Ala Ala Arg Pro
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Thr Ala Ala Ala Ala Pro Val Pro Ala Met Thr Ala Asp Gln Leu Leu
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Gln Phe Thr Arg Ser His Val Ala Ala Ile Leu Gly His Gln Asp Pro
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Leu Thr Ala Val Gly Leu Arg Asn Gln Leu Gln Gln Ala Thr Gly Arg
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Thr Leu Pro Ala Ala Leu Val Phe Gln His Pro Thr Val Arg Arg Leu
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Arg Glu Arg Phe Thr Asp Ala Ala Ser Leu Gly Gly Gln Leu Glu Leu
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Val Asp Leu Ala Asp Gly Ser Gly Pro Val Thr Val Ile Cys Cys Ala
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Tyr Pro Pro Gly His Gln Glu Ala Val His Ala Trp Leu Gly Glu Leu
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Leu Thr Ala Leu Gly Ala Tyr Asp Arg Leu Thr Gly Arg Trp Arg Pro
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Arg Asp Thr Gly Leu Pro Thr Leu Val Val Ala Ala Ser Glu Pro Met
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Gly Glu Trp Pro Asp Asp Gly Trp Gln Ser Thr Trp Pro Phe Gly His
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Asp Arg Val Thr Val Pro Gly Asp His Phe Ser Met Val Gln Glu His
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    50                  55                      60
Asp His Ala Thr Ala Val Arg Val Leu Asp Asp Pro Thr Phe Thr Arg
65                  70                      75                  80
Ala Thr Gly Arg Thr Pro Glu Trp Met Arg Ala Ala Gly Ala Pro Ala
            85                  90                      95
Ser Thr Trp Ala Gln Pro Phe Arg Asp Val His Ala Ala Ser Trp Asp
        100                 105                 110
Ala Glu Leu Pro Asp Pro Gln Glu Val Glu Asp Arg Leu Thr Gly Leu
    115                 120                 125
Leu Pro Ala Pro Gly Thr Arg Leu Asp Leu Val Arg Asp Leu Ala Trp
    130                 135                     140
Pro Met Ala Ser Arg Gly Val Gly Ala Asp Asp Pro Asp Val Leu Arg
145                 150                 155                 160
Ala Ala Trp Asp Ala Arg Val Gly Leu Asp Ala Gln Leu Thr Pro Gln
                165                 170                 175
Pro Leu Ala Val Thr Glu Ala Ala Ile Ala Ala Val Pro Gly Asp Pro
            180                 185                 190
His Arg Arg Ala Leu Phe Thr Ala Val Glu Met Thr Ala Thr Ala Phe
        195                 200                 205
Val Asp Ala Val Leu Ala Val Thr Ala Thr Ala Gly Ala Ala Gln Arg
    210                 215                 220
Leu Ala Asp Asp Pro Asp Val Ala Ala Arg Leu Val Ala Glu Val Leu
225                 230                 235                 240
Arg Leu His Pro Thr Ala His Leu Glu Arg Arg Thr Ala Gly Thr Glu
                245                 250                 255
Thr Val Val Gly Glu His Thr Val Ala Ala Gly Asp Glu Val Val Val
            260                 265                 270
Val Val Ala Ala Ala Asn Arg Asp Ala Gly Val Phe Ala Asp Pro Asp
        275                 280                 285
Arg Leu Asp Pro Asp Arg Ala Asp Ala Asp Arg Ala Leu Ser Ala Gln
    290                 295                 300
Arg Gly His Pro Gly Arg Leu Glu Glu Leu Val Val Val Leu Thr Thr
305                 310                 315                 320
Ala Ala Leu Arg Ser Val Ala Lys Ala Leu Pro Gly Leu Thr Ala Gly
                325                 330                 335
Gly Pro Val Val Arg Arg Arg Arg Ser Pro Val Leu Arg Ala Thr Ala
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His Cys Pro Val Glu Leu
        355


<210> 17
<211> 422
<212> PRT
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea


<400> 17
Met Arg Val Val Phe Ser Ser Met Ala Ser Lys Ser His Leu Phe Gly
 1               5                  10                      15
Leu Val Pro Leu Ala Trp Ala Phe Arg Ala Ala Gly His Glu Val Arg
            20                  25                      30
Val Val Ala Ser Pro Ala Leu Thr Asp Asp Ile Thr Ala Ala Gly Leu
        35                  40                      45
Thr Ala Val Pro Val Gly Thr Asp Val Asp Leu Val Asp Phe Met Thr
    50                  55                      60
His Ala Gly Tyr Asp Ile Ile Asp Tyr Val Arg Ser Leu Asp Phe Ser
.65                  70                      75 .                    80
Glu Arg Asp Pro Ala Thr Ser Thr Trp Asp His Leu Leu Gly Met Gln
                85  ·                  90         ·                95
Thr Val Leu Thr Pro Thr Phe Tyr Ala Leu Met Ser Pro Asp Ser Leu
                100`                   105                     110
Val Glu Gly Met Ile Ser Phe Cys Arg Ser Trp Arg Pro Asp Trp Ser
            115  .                  120                     125
Ser Gly Pro Gln Thr Phe Ala Ala Ser Ile Ala Ala Thr Val Thr Gly
        130         ·          135                     140
Val Ala His Ala Arg Leu Leu Trp Gly Pro Asp Ile Thr Val Arg Ala
145  ·               150                  155                     160
Arg Gln Lys Phe Leu Gly Leu Leu Pro Gly Gln Pro Ala Ala His Arg
        ·          165                  170                     175
Glu Asp Pro Leu Ala Glu Trp Leu Thr Trp Ser Val Glu Arg Phe Gly
            180                  185                     190
Gly Arg Val Pro Gln Asp Val Glu Glu Leu Val Val Gly Gln Trp Thr
        195                  200                     205
Ile Asp Pro Ala Pro Val Gly Met Arg Leu Asp Thr Gly Leu Arg Thr
    210                  215                     220
Val Gly Met Arg Tyr Val Asp Tyr Asn Gly Pro Ser Val Val Pro Asp
225                  230                  235                     240
Trp Leu His Asp Glu Pro·Thr Arg Arg Arg Val Cys Leu Thr Leu Gly
                245                  250                     255
Ile Ser Ser Arg Glu Asn Ser Ile Gly Gln Val Ser Val Asp Asp Leu
            260                  265                     270
Leu Gly Ala Leu Gly Asp Val Asp Ala Glu Ile Ile Ala Thr Val Asp
        275                  280                     285
Glu Gln Gln Leu Glu Gly Val Ala His Val Pro Ala Asn Ile Arg Thr
        290                  295                     300
Val Gly Phe Val Pro Met His Ala Leu Leu Pro Thr Cys Ala Ala Thr
305                  310                  315                     320
Val His His Gly Gly Pro Gly Ser Trp His Thr Ala Ala Ile His Gly
            325                  330                     335
Val Pro Gln Val Ile Leu Pro Asp Gly Trp Asp Thr Gly Val Arg Ala
            340                  345                     350
Gln Arg Thr Glu Asp Gln Gly Ala Gly Ile Ala Leu Pro Val Pro Glu
        355                  360                     365
Leu Thr Ser Asp Gln Leu Arg Glu Ala Val Arg Arg Val Leu Asp Asp
        370                  375                     380
Pro Ala Phe Thr Ala Gly Ala Ala Arg Met Arg Ala Asp Met Leu Ala
385                  390                  395                     400
Glu Pro Ser Pro Ala Glu Val Val Asp Val Cys Ala Gly Leu Val Gly
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.Glu Arg Thr Ala Val Gly
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<210> 18
<211> 323
<212> PRT
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea

<400> 18
Met Ser Thr Asp Ala Thr His Val Arg Leu Gly Arg Cys Ala Leu Leu
 1           5                  10                  15
Thr Ser Arg Leu Trp Leu Gly Thr Ala Ala Leu Ala Gly Gln Asp Asp
            20                  25                  30
Ala Asp Ala Val Arg Leu Leu Asp His Ala Arg Ser Arg Gly Val Asn
            35                  40                  45
Cys Leu Asp Thr Ala Asp Asp Asp Ser Ala Ser Thr Ser Ala Gln Val
            50                  55                  60
Ala Glu Glu Ser Val Gly Arg Trp Leu.Ala Gly Asp Thr Gly Arg Arg
65                  70                  75                  80
Glu Glu Thr Val Leu Ser Val Thr Val Gly Val Pro Pro Gly Gly Gln
            85                  90                  95
Val Gly Gly Gly Gly Leu Ser Ala Arg Gln Ile Ile Ala Ser Cys Glu
            100                 105                 110
Gly Ser Leu Arg Arg Leu Gly Val Asp His Val Asp Val Leu His Leu
            115                 120                 125
Pro Arg Val Asp Arg Val Glu Pro Trp Asp Glu Val Trp Gln Ala Val
            130                 135                 140
Asp Ala Leu Val Ala Ala Gly Lys Val Cys Tyr Val Gly Ser Ser Gly
145                 150                 155                 160
Phe Pro Gly Trp His Ile Val Ala Ala Gln Glu His Ala Val Arg Arg
            165                 170                 175
His Arg Leu Gly Leu Val Ser His Gln Cys Arg Tyr Asp Leu Thr Ser
            180                 185                 190
Arg His Pro Glu Leu Glu Val Leu Pro Ala Ala Gln Ala Tyr Gly Leu
            195                 200                 205
Gly Val Phe Ala Arg Pro Thr Arg Leu Gly Gly Leu Leu Gly Gly Asp
            210                 215                 220
Gly Pro Gly Ala Ala Ala Ala Arg Ala Ser Gly Gln Pro Thr Ala Leu
225                 230                 235                 240
Arg Ser Ala Val Glu Ala Tyr Glu Val Phe Cys Arg Asp Leu Gly Glu
            245                 250                 255
His Pro Ala Glu Val Ala Leu Ala Trp Val Leu Ser Arg Pro Gly Val
            260                 265                 270
Ala Gly Ala Val Val Gly Ala Arg Thr Pro Gly Arg Leu Asp Ser Ala
            275                 280                 285
Leu Arg Ala Cys Gly Val Ala Leu Gly Ala Thr Glu Leu Thr Ala Leu
            290                 295                 300
Asp Gly Ile Phe Pro Gly Val Ala Ala Ala Gly Ala Ala Pro Glu Ala
305                 310                 315                 320
Trp Leu Arg


<210> 19
<211> 247
<212> PRT
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea

<400> 19
Met Asn Thr Trp Leu Arg Arg Phe Gly Ser Ala Asp Gly His Arg Ala
 1           5                  10                  15
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Arg Leu Tyr Cys Phe Pro His Ala Gly Ala Ala Ala Asp Ser Tyr Leu
            20                  25                  30
Asp Leu Ala Arg Ala Leu Ala Pro Glu Val Asp Val Trp Ala Val Gln
        35                  40                  45
Tyr Pro Gly Arg Gln Asp Arg Arg Asp Glu Arg Ala Leu Gly Thr Ala
    50                  55                  60
Gly Glu Ile Ala Asp Glu Val Ala Ala Val Leu Arg Asp Leu Val Gly
65                  70                  75                  80
Glu Val Pro Phe Ala Leu Phe Gly His Ser Met Gly Ala Leu Val Ala
            85                  90                      95
Tyr Glu Thr Ala Arg Arg Leu Glu Ala Arg Pro Gly Val Arg Pro Leu
            100                 105                 110
Arg Leu Phe Val Ser Gly Gln Thr Ala Pro Arg Val His Glu Arg Arg
        115                 120                 125
Thr Asp Leu Pro.Asp Glu Asp Gly Leu Val Glu Gln Met Arg Arg Leu
    130             135                 140
Gly Val Ser Glu Ala Ala Leu Ala Asp Gln Gly Leu Leu Asp Met Ser
145                 150                 155                 160
Leu Pro Val Leu Arg Ala Asp His Arg Val Leu Arg Ser Tyr Ala Trp
                165                 170                 175
Gln Ala Gly Pro Pro Leu Arg Ala Gly Ile Thr Thr Leu Cys Gly Asp
            180                 185                 190
Thr Asp Pro Leu Thr Thr Val Glu Asp Ala Gln Arg Trp Leu Pro Tyr
        195                 200                 205
Ser Val Val Pro Gly Arg Thr Arg Thr Phe Pro Gly Gly His Phe Tyr
    210                 215                 220
Leu Ala Asp His Val Gly Glu Val Ala Glu Ser Val Ala Pro Asp Leu
225                 230                 235                 240
Leu Arg Leu Thr Pro Thr Gly
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<210> 20
<211> 189
<212> PRT
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea

<400> 20
Ile Arg Val Gln Asp Asp Asp Ala Asp Arg Leu Ser Arg Asp Glu Leu
 1               5                   10                  15
Thr Ser Ile Ala Leu Val Leu Leu Leu Ala Gly Phe Glu Ala Ser Val
            20                  25                  30
Ser Leu Ile Gly Ile Gly Thr Tyr Leu Leu Leu Thr His Pro Asp Gln
        35                  40                  45
Leu Ala Leu Val Arg Lys Asp Pro Ala Leu Leu Pro Gly Ala Val Glu
    50                  55                  60
Glu Ile Leu Arg Tyr Gln Ala Pro Pro Glu Thr Thr Thr Arg Phe Ala
65                  70                  75                  80
Thr Ala Glu Val Glu Ile Gly Gly Val Thr Ile Pro Ala Tyr Ser Thr
            85                  90                  95
Val Leu Ile Ala Asn Gly Ala Ala Asn Arg Asp Pro Gly Gln Phe Pro
            100                 105                 110
Asp Pro Asp Arg Phe Asp Val Thr Arg Asp Ser Arg Gly His Leu Thr
        115                 120                 125
Phe Gly His Gly Ile His Tyr Cys Met Gly Arg Pro Leu Ala Lys Leu
    130                 135                 140
Glu Gly Glu Val Ala Leu Gly Ala Leu Phe Asp Arg Phe Pro Lys Leu
145                 150                 155                 160
Ser Leu Gly Phe Pro Ser Asp Glu Val Val Trp Arg Arg Ser Leu Leu
                165                 170                 175
Leu Arg Gly Ile Asp His Leu Pro Val Arg Pro Asn Gly
            180                 185
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<210> 21
<211> 33
<212> DNA
<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>
<223> Synthetic nucleotide DNA duplex

<400> 21
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<210> 22
<211> 39
<212> DNA
<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>
<223> Complementary oligo

<400> 22
aattgtctag agctgaggcc agatctccga attcttaat                                  39

<210> 23
<211> 528
<212> DNA
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea

<400> 23
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cagcgggtga ttcggcgggc gtggggtcgt gcgggtgtgt cgggtgggga tgtgggtgtg          180
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ttgggtcggg ggttggtggg tccgatggtg tgtcggggtg ggttgtcggg gttggtggat          420
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<210> 24
<211> 528
<212> DNA
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea

<400> 24
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gggacgtatg gggtgggtcg gggtggggtg ggtccggtgg tggtgggttc ggtgaaggcg          300
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ttgggtcggg ggttggtggg tccgatggtg tgtcggggtg ggttgtcggg gttggtggat          420
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<210> 25
<211> 528
<212> DNA
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea

<220>
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<221> misc_feature
<222> (1)...(528)
<223> Sequence with codon changes as described in the
      specification at page 99, line 22 thru 101, line 23

<400> 25
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<210> 26
<211> 291
<212> DNA
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea


<400> 26
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gggtcattcg cagggggaga tcgcggcggc ggtggtggcg ggggtgttgt cggtgggtga     240
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<210> 27
<211> 291
<212> DNA
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea


<400> 27
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ggtgatggtg tcgttggcgc ggttgtggcg gtggtgtggg gttgtgcctg cggcggtggt     180
gggtcattcg cagggggaga tcgcggcggc ggtggtggcg ggggtgttgt cggtgggtga     240
tggtgcgcgg gtggtggcgt tgcgggcgcg ggcgttgcgg gcgttggccg g             291


<210> 28
<211> 291
<212> DNA
<213> Micromonospora megalomicea


<220>
<221> misc_feature
<222> (1)...(291)
<223> Sequence with codon changes as described in the
      specification at page 99, line 22 thru page 101, line 23


<400> 28
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ggtcatggtc agcctggccc gcctgtggcg ctggtgcggc gtggtcccgg ccgccgtggt     180
cggccacagc cagggcgaga tcgccgccgc ggtcgtggcc ggcgtcctga gcgtcggcga     240
cggcgcccgc gtcgtggccc tgcgcgcccg cgccctgcgc gccctggccg g             291


<210> 29
<211> 24
<212> DNA
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<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>
<223> PCR primer

<400> 29
gaacaactcc tgtctgcggc cgcg   24

<210> 30
<211> 40
<212> DNA
<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>
<223> PCR primer.

<400> 30
cggaattctc tagagtcacg tctccaaccg cttgtcgagg   40

<210> 31
<211> 51
<212> DNA
<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>
<223> PCR primer.

<400> 31
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<210> 32
<211> 25
<212> DNA
<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>
<223> PCR primer

<400> 32
aacgcctccc aggagatctc cagca   25

<210> 33
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<212> DNA
<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>
<223> Oligo

<400> 33
aattcatagc ctaggt   16

<210> 34
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<212> DNA
<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>
<223> Oligo

<400> 34